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OF THE

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BAPTIST

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STATE CONVENTION

OF ALABAMA,

1882,

HELD WITH THE

HUNTSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH,

JULY 12-16, 1882.

JONATHAN HARALSON, PRESIDENT,

Selma, Ala.

B. B. DAVIS, SECRETARY,

Montgomery, Ala.

The next session of the Convention will be held with Siloam Baptist Church,  
at Marion, Ala., on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in July (11th), 1883.

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## BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF ALABAMA.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

*Sunday Schools*—G. A. Pearce, Chairman; H. S. D. Mallory, Robert Varner, R. H. Sterrett, H. H. Brown.

*Evangelization of the Colored Race*—R. C. Keeble, Chairman; J. Gunn, B. J. Skinner, H. F. Oliver, L. L. Belsher.

*Foreign Missions*—G. B. Eager, Chairman; W. F. Kone, J. C. Wright, J. S. Dill, W. T. Smith.

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*Education*—J. H. Foster, Chairman; R. Frazer, A. F. Reidd, P. H. Mell, A. B. Goodhue.

*Temperance*—E. J. Forrester, Chairman; R. J. Waldrop, L. W. Lawler, Porter King, J. W. Steele.

*Aged and Infirm Ministers*—J. G. Harris, Chairman; J. C. Orr, T. L. Jones, D. M. Seals, L. C. Coulson.

*To Prepare Programme*—T. M. Bailey, Chairman; B. B. Davis, W. C. Cleveland, J. L. West, W. C. Ward.

*To Preach Introductory Sermon*—J. Gunn; alternate, J. J. D. Renfroe.

*To Preach Missionary Sermon, Sabbath 11 A. M.*—J. E. Chambliss; alternate, A. B. Woodfin.

MINUTES  
OF THE  
FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
*BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF ALABAMA.*

1. The Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of the Baptist State Convention of Alabama was held with the Baptist church at Huntsville, Ala., commencing on the 12th day of July, 1882.

2. The Convention was called to order by the President Jonathan Haralson, at 10 o'clock, Benj. B. Davis acting as Secretary.

3. After devotional exercises conducted by Geo. B. Eager, of Mobile, by singing the 446th hymn,

"All hail the power of Jesus' name,"

and the reading of the forty-sixth Psalm,

"God is our refuge,"

and prayer,

4. The President made some remarks as to the basis of representation, whereupon

Responding to the invitation of the President, the following were enrolled as delegates :

FROM ASSOCIATIONS :

*Alabama Association*—W. P. Bullock.

*Arabascoche Association*—No representation.

*Bethel Association*—No representation.

*Bethlehem Association*—W. H. Strong, J. G. McCaskey, I. A. White.

*Big Bear Creek Association*—No representation.

*Bigsbee Association*—J. E. White, N. B. Williams, J. D. Cool, W. F. Pond, T. L. Belcher.

*Boiling Spring Association*—No representation.

- Cahaba Association*—R. F. Walker, Porter King, G. S. Anderson, W. C. Cleveland.
- Cahaba Valley Association*—P. S. Montgomery, J. S. E. Robinson.
- Canaan Association*—M. M. Wood, R. J. Waldrop, R. W. Beck.
- Cary Association*—No representation.
- Cedar Bluff Association*—No representation.
- Centennial Association*—J. O. Hixson.
- Central Association*—J. L. Thompson.
- Cherokee Association*—No representation.
- Coosa River Association*—S. Henderson, J. C. Wright, J. J. D. Renfroe.
- Elm Association*—No representation.
- Enfauha Association*—Isaac P. Cheney, J. E. Chambliss.
- Harmony East Association*—No representation.
- Harmony West Association*—No representation.
- Indian Creek Association*—No representation.
- Judson Association*—No representation.
- Liberty (East) Association*—Z. D. Koby.
- Liberty (North) Association*—F. C. David, W. F. Kone, T. J. McCandless.
- A. J. Hardin, R. A. Pettey.
- Liberty (South-west) Association*—S. O. V. Ray, T. E. Tucker.
- Macedonia Association*—No representation.
- Mount Carmel Association*—C. W. Metcellan, F. J. Rigney, J. T. Evans.
- J. V. Alford, J. M. Simpson, B. B. Stagner.
- Mud Creek Association*—No representation.
- Mobile Baptist Union*—No representation.
- Mulberry Association*—No representation.
- Muscle Shoals Association*—J. R. NeSmith, R. T. Wear, Jos. Shackelford, J. Gunn, C. W. Hare, J. C. Orr, S. M. Steenson, T. H. Stamps, W. S. Simpson, S. R. C. Adams, W. B. Carter.
- New River Association*—No representation.
- Newton Association*—No representation.
- North River Association*—No representation.
- Pea River Association*—No representation.
- Pine Barren Association*—C. P. Fountain, W. G. Curry.
- Rock Mills Association*—No representation.
- Salem Association*—T. H. Stout.
- Sandy Creek Association*—No representation.
- Shelby Association*—No representation.
- South-Eastern Association*—No representation.
- Sulphur Springs Association*—No representation.
- Tallahoesa River Association*—No representation.
- Tallahatchee and Ten Island Association*—No representation.
- Tennessee River Association*—L. C. Coulson, J. J. Beeson, J. S. Horton.
- Tuskegee Association*—J. M. Phillips, J. H. Foster.
- Tuskegee Association*—B. F. Riley.
- Union Association*—J. H. Curry.
- Unity Association*—W. T. Smith, J. H. Marbury, J. Faulkner.
- Warrior River Association*—P. M. Musgrove, J. M. Casey.
- Yellow Creek Association*—No representation.
- Zion Association*—No representation.

## FROM CHURCHES, ETC.

- Alpin (Talladega)*—S. Henderson.
- Ashville*—P. S. Montgomery.
- Brooklyn*—I. A. White.
- Bethel*—G. W. Smith, B. O. Masterson.
- Birmingham*—J. B. Moor.

- Cusseta Church*—Z. D. Roby.  
*Cullman*—P. M. Musgrove.  
*East*—J. E. White.  
*Enon, Huntsville*—M. B. Neece, J. A. Erwin, J. D. Foster, J. W. Steele,  
 W. T. Dunean.  
*Enfanta*—J. E. Chambliss.  
*Glenville*—Isaac P. Cheney.  
*Gainestown*—N. B. Williams.  
*Greenville*—T. W. Hart, U. C. Vinson.  
*Hopewell*—T. H. Stamps.  
*Livingston*—N. B. Williams.  
*Mountain Creek*—W. T. Smith, J. H. Marbury.  
*Montgomery, Adams Street*—J. A. Howard.  
*Montgomery, First*—B. B. Davis, A. B. Woodlin.  
*Mount Zion (Bullock)*—J. W. Bledsoe.  
*Mount Zion (Madison)*—R. E. Pettus, J. W. Hilliard.  
*Mocon*—G. S. Anderson.  
*Moulton*—Matt Lyon.  
*Mount Lebanon*—I. P. Cheney.  
*Macedonia*—W. J. Bond.  
*Mobile, St. Francis Street*—Geo. B. Eager.  
*Mobile, Palmetto Street*—B. H. Crumpton.  
*Mount Pisgah*—S. O. V. Ray.  
*North Port*—F. D. Hale, C. E. Rice.  
*New Market*—T. J. McCandless, W. F. Whitman, F. L. Estes.  
*Oxford*—J. C. Wright.  
*Pensacola, Florida*—Z. A. Owens.  
*Pine Grove*—I. P. Cheney.  
*Pilgrim's Rest*—W. H. Strong.  
*Peole*—J. J. Stamps.  
*Pleasant Hill*—E. J. Forrester.  
*Pleasant Ridge*—M. M. Wood.  
*Rehoboth*—J. D. Cook.  
*Ruhama*—R. W. Beck, R. J. Waldrop.  
*Round Island*—W. A. Pearson.  
*Scottsboro*—J. S. Horton.  
*Silham*—Porter King, T. M. Bailey, A. F. Redd, J. T. Mutfee.  
*Selma*—W. C. Cleveland, W. P. Welch, Jno. L. West, W. C. Ward.  
*Steep Creek*—W. P. Bullock.  
*Talladega*—J. J. D. Kenfroe.  
*Tusculum*—C. W. Hare, S. M. Steenson.  
*Union*—J. L. Thompson.  
*Union Springs*—Geo. Williams, J. O. Hixson.  
*Ann Hasseltine Society*—Robt. Flazer.

## LIFE MEMBERS:

JONATHAN HARALSON,	PORTER KING,	J. J. D. KENFROE,
R. C. KEEBLE,	S. HENDERSON,	B. B. DAVIS,
I. T. TICHENOR,	T. M. BAILEY,	A. B. WOODLIN,
	J. FAULKNER,	

5. An election by ballot was then had, B. H. Crumpton and T. M. Bailey acting as tellers, when Jonathan Haralson, of Selma, was re-elected President and Benj. B. Davis, of Montgomery, re-elected Secretary, and on motion, the following brethren having



received a majority of the ballots cast, were unanimously elected : J. J. D. Renfro, First Vice President ; W. C. Cleveland, Second Vice President.

6. The President in a few remarks thanked the Convention for the renewed expression of their confidence shown in his re-election, and, accepting the position, introduced

7. W. F. Kone, the pastor of the Huntsville church, who, on behalf of the church, welcomed the Convention most heartily, when he presented

8. Hon. Wm. Richardson, who, on behalf of the citizens, tendered most eloquently the hospitalities of the citizens.

9. The President requested E. J. Forrester to reply on behalf of the Convention, which he did in an earnest, short address, accepting the courtesies tendered.

10. Visiting brethren were received as correspondents, viz. :  
*From the Tennessee Convention*—J. M. Robertson, A. Mellan, W. M. Barr, G. W. Johnston, J. B. Chevis.

*From the Mississippi State Convention*—Jno. T. Freeman.

*From the Florida Baptist Convention*—W. N. Chaudoin.

*German Mission, Culman*—T. Tecklenberg.

I. T. Tichenor, Cor. Sect. Home Mission Board S. B. C.

Jas. Waters, Corres. Secretary State Mission Board of Tennessee.

11. Then appointed the following messengers to other bodies :

12. *To the Tennessee Convention*—Jos. Shackelford, W. F. Kone, J. Gunn, J. M. Phillips.

13. *To the Georgia Convention*—T. H. Stout, S. Henderson, J. E. Chambliss, J. O. Hixson, B. B. Davis.

14. *To the Florida Convention*—Z. A. Owens, B. F. Riley, J. Gunn, G. B. Eager, S. Henderson, W. C. Cleveland, B. B. Davis.

15. *To the Mississippi Convention*—B. H. Crumpton, J. M. Phillips, G. B. Eager, W. C. Cleveland, W. H. Strong, J. D. Cook.

16. The President appointed Z. A. Owens Assistant Secretary.

17. The following committees were appointed by the President :

*Committee on Religious Exercises*—The Pastor and Deacons of Huntsville church, P. King, W. P. Bullock.

*Committee on Finance*—G. Williams, R. F. Walker, J. B. Moor, R. J. Waldrop, W. P. Welch.

*To nominate the remaining Officers of the Convention*—J. O. Hixson, C. P. Fournain, R. W. Beck, J. W. Steel, J. A. Howard.

*To nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention*—B. H. Crumpton, T. W. Hart, W. F. Pond, P. M. Musgrove, W. S. Simpson.

*To nominate the State Mission Board*—J. T. Marfee, E. J. Forrester, T. H. Stout, J. H. Smith, J. J. Stamps.

18: The Seventh Annual Report of the State Mission Board, and their Financial Report and their Associational Financial Report, were severally read by T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, as follows:

#### SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

The prospect before the Board at the opening of the Conventional year was by no means encouraging. The long and destructive drought of last summer left our people in a depressed financial condition, and we were not without apprehension as to the effect upon our benevolent enterprises. God, however, has been better to us than our fears. Notwithstanding the straightened condition of many of our people, they have come up nobly to the support of the Master's work, and by their actions have exhibited the strong hold that our denominational enterprises have upon their hearts. That the receipts in the aggregate are larger than those of last year, is a matter for devout thankfulness.

For the first time in the history of this Board we are called upon to note the death of one of our missionaries. Rev. J. Stratton Paullin, of Clayton, died at his home June 1st. It can be said of him that he did much for his Master and did it well. He was a warm supporter of our work and was very successful in his labors as our missionary at Glenville, Russell county. He rests from his labors.

Our State Mission work continues to prosper. More missionaries have been employed, more destitute fields have been occupied, and more work has been done, than during any preceding year since the present system of mission work was inaugurated. Including the Corresponding Secretary, forty-one men have been in the employ of the Board during the year for the whole or a part of their time. One hundred and thirty-two points, either destitute of preaching or with weak churches, have been supplied by the missionaries of the Board during the year, thirty-five of them embracing towns and villages, and the remainder in country places. A majority of the missionaries have been laboring either to gather churches or build up weak ones, whilst a few have been doing evangelistic work. The aggregate of their labors is shown by the following

#### SUMMARY:

Number of missionaries, including Corresponding Secretary.....	41
Days of actual service.....	9,335
Equal to years of labor of one man.....	25½
Miles traveled.....	42,935
Sermons delivered.....	2,860
Addresses.....	794
Sunday School Addresses delivered.....	124
Churches constituted.....	12
Baptized.....	121
Baptized by others in connection with the labors of missionaries.....	395
Received by letter.....	109
Restored.....	50
Sunday Schools organized.....	61
Ladies' Missionary Societies organized.....	4
Pages of Tracts distributed.....	4,750
Visits to Churches.....	549
Number of Preaching Stations.....	145
Visits to Preaching Stations.....	1,321
Families visited.....	3,625
Subscriptions to ALABAMA BAPTIST secured.....	116
Bibles and Testaments sold.....	609

Bibles and Testaments given away, worth.....	\$16 95
Families found destitute of Bibles.....	71
Number of Books sold.....	1,959
Value of Books sold.....	\$1,604 07

## OUR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR FIELDS OF LABOR.

Rev. P. M. Callaway is laboring at Geneva and Elba. At the former place a church has been organized, and the outlook is hopeful. At Elba there are some Baptists, but no organized church. Steps are being taken to erect a house of worship.

Rev. A. L. Blizzard is our missionary at Autaugaville. Here there is a good church property. The membership is small, mostly females.

Rev. J. J. Stamps is being aided to a small extent whilst preaching to four churches in Centennial Association.

Rev. D. Rogers is our missionary and colporteur in Judson Association.

Rev. G. S. Anderson is laboring at Newberne and Uniontown. The cause is being built up at both places.

Rev. Luther Norris is missionary and colporteur in Mobile county. His labors have been greatly blessed.

Rev. J. N. Prestridge did valuable work in Pickens county. He gathered a church in a destitute region.

Rev. A. Jay did good service for a part of the year in Zion Association. He expended the remuneration he received in fixing up a dilapidated house of worship.

Rev. T. A. Higdon labored at Anniston and Edwardsville. Churches have been organized at both places.

Rev. J. C. Skipper worked faithfully in the destitution in the southern part of Henry county.

Rev. J. L. Byars is in the midst of a great destitution in Elim Association. He reports twenty-eight preaching places, at a majority of which churches should be gathered.

Rev. F. C. David is our missionary at Decatur, Madison Station, Leighton, and Cherokee, all on the M. & C. R. R. He is about completing a house of worship at Decatur.

Rev. J. G. McCaskey, missionary and colporteur, preaches at Kipton, Miriamville, Castberry and Pensacola Junction. House of worship are being erected at three of these places. A church has been organized at the last named place with twenty-four members.

Rev. J. E. Cox is our missionary and colporteur in Canaan and North River Associations.

Rev. James Hogan is missionary and colporteur in part of Tuscaloosa and Mud Creek Associations.

Rev. C. Smith was for a time the efficient missionary and colporteur in Central Association.

Rev. C. J. Miles labored for a part of the year in Bethel Association.

Rev. T. J. McCandless was our missionary in North Liberty Association.

Rev. D. S. Daffey is missionary and colporteur in Tuskegee Association.

Rev. S. Hildreth is missionary and colporteur in Union Association.

Rev. T. F. Thomasson is our missionary at Calera, Brierfield, Clanton and Jemison. At the first two places churches will soon be organized.

Rev. P. Armstrong is colporteur in Pine Barren Association.

Rev. J. F. Bruner is missionary and colporteur in Zion Association.

Rev. Wm. Pritchett is missionary and colporteur in South-east Alabama. He preaches to two destitute churches in Salem Association.

Rev. J. A. Howard is missionary pastor in Montgomery.

Rev. P. Brown is missionary and colporteur in Tennessee River Association.

Rev. J. S. Paullin was our faithful missionary at Glennville, where his labors were blest.

Rev. S. O. Y. Ray is doing effective work in Choctaw and Washington counties.

Rev. C. P. Fountain is missionary pastor at Camden and Rock West.

Rev. F. H. McGill is missionary pastor at Lirden, Marengo county.

Rev. S. R. C. Adams is missionary in Muscle Shoals Association.

Rev. Z. A. Owens is missionary pastor at Pensacola. He has done a good work in a short time.

Rev. E. F. Baber is missionary pastor at Farmersville, Lowndes county. A new house of worship has just been opened.

Rev. J. E. White is our missionary at Futaw, the county-seat of Greene.

Rev. E. T. Smyth is our missionary at Amiston. A house of worship is much needed here. A good lot has been secured.

Rev. G. B. Jenkins labored efficiently part of the year in Carey and Boiling Springs Associations.

Rev. G. T. Gresham was missionary for part of the year at Hayneville and Lowndeshoro.

Prof. McCornick, of Howard College, preached regularly at Greenboro, only charging the Board his traveling expenses.

Rev. W. A. Cumbie is missionary of the Newton Association in connection with the Board, in Dale county.

Rev. C. O. Booth was our missionary for six months among the colored people.

Expended in State Mission work during the Conventional year, \$8,776.98.

#### WORK AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE.

Rev. C. O. Booth, who labored so efficiently for a part of last Conventional year, continued in the field until December 31st, 1884. Since that time we have had no laborer among the colored people. Passing over the vastness and importance of this field for Christian effort, there are two things that deserve our notice:

1. The contributions made for the support of this work were almost entirely raised at the meetings of this body, thus showing that the work had but little hold upon our churches.

2. The colored Baptist Convention have not communicated with your Board since Bro. Booth was appointed to the work, until the meeting of the Board held on the 4th, of this month, thus showing their lack of appreciation of the efforts put forth by this Convention for the good of their people. Should this work be continued, we think it best to select our own missionaries, and either undertake their support ourselves, or seek aid from whatever quarter we can obtain it.

#### BIBLE AND COLPORTEAGE WORK.

This work has been prosecuted during another year under great difficulties, the chief of which was the lack of capital to operate with.

Contributions from the churches for this work have amounted to but little. A correspondence was opened with the American Baptist Publication Society, which resulted in the Society's proposing to give us \$500 worth of books at catalogue prices on condition that five of our colporteurs should report monthly to the Society, as well as to your Board. After due consideration and consulting with leading brethren outside of the Board, the proposition was accepted. With the above amount in books, the Society generously sent us Bibles and Testaments amounting in value to \$100.00. A further grant from the Society on the same conditions has been made. We have twelve colporteurs in the field, ten of whom report monthly through your Board to the Society in Philadelphia.

With ordinary prosperity in our land a large number of books would have been sold, but owing to the scarcity of money, sales have been light. Our missionaries report that the people are anxious for books. A proposition has been made to churches, Sunday-schools and individuals to establish permanent funds of \$100.00 each for colportage work, the Board agreeing that for every one hundred dollars contributed, a colporteur shall be kept in the field, and the money used only as a capital to operate with. To this proposition we have as yet received but one favorable response. The Sunday-school of the First Baptist church, Montgomery, has given \$100.00 to be known as its Permanent Fund for colportage work. We hope that churches, Sunday-schools and individuals will follow the noble example set by this school. We know of no way in which \$100.00 can be invested to accomplish a greater amount of good, or to perpetuate in a more lasting form the name of some individual, church or Sunday-school.

Our missionaries and colporteurs find here and there a destitution of the Scriptures, and since it has become necessary for Baptists to do their own work in the distribution of the Word of God, we hope that our churches will in future furnish the Board with means to meet the destitution.

#### WOMAN'S WORK.

In accordance with the spirit of the last meeting of this body, your Board appointed a "Central Committee on Woman's Work," with Mrs. E. J. Forester, of Fort Deposit, Lowndes county, as Chairman. The Committee have been diligent in labors, as the following report will show:

#### *Report of "Woman's Central Committee" to the State Mission Board.*

As soon as the Central Committee was appointed last August, it went to work, first of all to secure, as far as possible, a list of the names and postoffice addresses of the clerks or moderators of all the Associations in the State. This effort succeeded with reference to forty-four of the Associations. The Committee then wrote to each of these forty-four brethren, requesting each one of them to send to the Committee the name and postoffice address of some sister in each church in his Association. The result of the correspondence was, that the Committee, in course of time, had in hand the names of two hundred and forty-three sisters in as many churches. They addressed a letter to each one of these sisters, asking her to undertake the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society in her church and giving her some suggestions about the matter. Forty of these two hundred and forty-three letters were heard from, and thirty-four Societies contributing to Missions have been reported to the Committee. These thirty-four Societies are distributed as follows: In Alabama Association, 9; in Bigbee, 2; in Coosa River, 2; in Pine Barren, 3; in Mobile Union, 1; in Centennial, 3; in Cahaba, 7; in South-west Liberty, 2; in Judson, 2; in Cedar Bluff, 1; in Tu-calooosa, 1; in Tuskegee, 1. These Societies have contributed to Missions \$90.67.

#### THE OUTLOOK.

In looking over the field, we are grateful to God for what has been accomplished. More pastors are preaching on Missions, and more churches contributing to their support, than ever before in our State. Our Sunday-schools are ceasing to spend their contributions on themselves and are laying them on God's altar. We have received from them during the year \$375.00. The women in our churches have made a good beginning.

Contributions have come to the Board during the year from thirty-five Associations, leaving sixteen from whom we have not received a dollar during the year. Undoubtedly the spirit of Missions is on the increase among our people. For this we would "thank God and take courage."

W. L. Com

In Central and Southern Alabama the work of your Board has a strong hold upon the affections of the brethren, as is attested by their generous contributions to its treasury. In these sections much effective work is being done, and yet more laborers are needed to meet the vast destitution which still prevails. From Washington, Baldwin, Geneva and Escambia counties, calls, loud and earnest, come to us for help. A good brother in the first named county proposes to give \$100.00 towards the support of an additional missionary in the great destitution around him.

In the northern portion of the State a vast work remains to be done, and for its accomplishment, enlarged contributions must be forthcoming. We cannot abandon any point we are now occupying. "Forward," must be our motto.

We believe that the time has come to put a general evangelist in the field, whose duty it shall be to hold revival meetings during a portion of the year, and in addition thereto to aid the Corresponding Secretary in representing our various interests at our associational meetings in the fall. There are a great many places where a practical, earnest man, who has experience in conducting meetings, could accomplish great good. If this work were undertaken, it would be in a large degree self-supporting.

It is highly important that the work of your Board be put upon a cash basis as quickly as possible. With the hearty co-operation of the pastor this can be done, and remittances promptly made to the Board to meet the indebtedness of every quarter. When this point is reached, the work will be established, better work will be done, and with greater satisfaction to the Board and its missionaries.

It is also very important that churches and associations forward their contributions directly to the Board, as we have now definite contracts with our missionaries.

T. M. BAILEY, Cor. Sec. and Treas.

July 4th, 1882.

20. *Financial Report of the State Mission Board for the Conventional Year of 1881-82 :*

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR STATE MISSIONS.

To amount received from all sources, .....	\$8,776 95
By cash to T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary, balance of last year's salary, .....	\$ 206 98
By cash paid missionaries, .....	6,639 13
By cash paid for church buildings, .....	260 95
By loss on mutilated coin, .....	3 06
By cash to Corresponding Secretary on salary, .....	1,199 73
By cash for Convention Minutes, .....	72 60
By cash for telegrams, .....	75
By cash for stationery, .....	14 70
By cash for printing, .....	24 09
By exchange, .....	8 54
By postage, .....	33 94
By traveling expenses of Corresponding Secretary, .....	311 70—\$8,776 95

HOME MISSIONS.

To amount collected, .....	\$ 926 96
By cash to Dr. McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary, .....	\$ 926 96— 926 96

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To amount collected, .....	\$1,933 54
By cash to Dr. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary, .....	\$1,933 54— 1,933 54

## EVANGELIZATION OF COLORED PEOPLE.

To amount collected, . . . . .		\$ 167 62
By cash to C. O. Booth, . . . . .	\$ 133 60	
By cash in hand, . . . . .	34 02—	167 62

## AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

To amount collected, . . . . .		\$ 24 00
By cash to Dr. Douglass, Corresponding Secretary, . . . . .	\$ 24 00—	24 00

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—HOWARD COLLEGE AND OTHER SCHOOLS.

To amount collected, . . . . .		\$ 955 36
To amount reported by the Executive Committee of Newton Association, . . . . .		215 00
		<u>\$1,200 36</u>

By cash to Prof. Dill, Treasurer of Faculty, and to ministerial students, . . . . .	\$ 959 86	
By cash to Thigpen and Crompton, . . . . .	35 00	
" refunded, . . . . .	5 50	
" to Prof. Callaway, . . . . .	215 00	
" to Dr. Shackelford, . . . . .	25 00—	\$1,200 36

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To amount collected, . . . . .		\$ 566 65
To amount sent direct to Dr. Boyce, . . . . .		2,022 25
		<u>\$2,588 90</u>

By cash to Drs. Manly and Boyce, . . . . .	\$ 566 65	
By cash to Dr. Boyce, . . . . .	2,022 25—	\$2,588 90

## BIBLE AND COLPORTEGE WORK.

To books on hand, . . . . .		\$ 155 67
To cash in hand, . . . . .		25 00
To amount of contributions, . . . . .		74 20
To books donated by the American Bap. Pub. Society, . . . . .		400 00
To amount from Sabbath School of First church, Montgomery, permanent fund, . . . . .		100 00
		<u>\$ 787 87</u>

By cash to Dr. Chambliss, . . . . .	\$ 30 50	
By cash to Rev. W. Pritchett, . . . . .	21 40	
By books procured for brethren, . . . . .	21 72	
By freight, drayage, boxes, etc., . . . . .	30 70	
By loss on books returned by M. Abbey, . . . . .	25 00	
By loan returned to K. Taylor, . . . . .	34 65	
By K. Taylor's due bill, . . . . .	20 94	
By books in hand of colporteurs, . . . . .	305 49	
By books in hands of Corresponding Secretary, . . . . .	56 32	
By Bibles and Testaments donated, . . . . .	16 05	
By cash in hand, . . . . .	129 10—	\$ 787 87

## INDIGENT MINISTERS.

To amount collected, . . . . .		\$ 45 35
By cash to Dr. Brown, . . . . .	\$ 30 00	
" to Rev. W. Cochran, . . . . .	13 35	
" in hand, . . . . .	2 00—	\$ 45 35

## RECAPITULATION.

To amount for State Missions,.....	\$ 8,776 98
To amount for Home Missions,.....	926 00
To amount for Foreign Missions,.....	1,933 51
To amount for evangelization of colored people,.....	107 62
To amount for American and Foreign Bible Society,..	24 00
To amount for Ministerial education, Howard College,	1,200 36
To amount for Ministerial education, Theo. Seminary,	2,588 00
To amount for colportage, &c.,.....	787 87
To amount for Indigent Ministers,.....	45 35
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	\$16,451 58

By amount expended,.....	\$ 8,776 98
By cash paid to Corresponding Secretary,.....	926 00
"    "    to Corresponding Secretary,.....	1,933 51
"    "    and in hand,.....	107 62
"    "    to Dr. Douglass,.....	24 00
"    "    over,.....	1,200 36
"    "    ".....	2,588 00
"    "    paid and books in hands,.....	787 87
"    "    and in hands,.....	45 35
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	\$16,451 58

T. M. BAILEY,  
*Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.*

This is to certify, that I have this day examined the foregoing accounts of T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the State Mission Board of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

A. J. GOODWIN, *Auditor.*

SELMA, ALA., July 4, 1882.

21. ASSOCIATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE STATE  
MISSION BOARD OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST CON-  
VENTION FOR THE CONVENTIONAL  
YEAR OF 1881-1882.

Received from Alabama Association—	
State Missions,.....	\$764 90
Home Missions,.....	163 75
Foreign Missions,.....	335 97
Theological Seminary.....	176 00
Howard College,.....	\$ 228 26
Evangelization col'd people,.....	35 00
Colportage,.....	100 00
Indigent Ministers,.....	15 35

Total,.....\$1,810 17

Athacoochee—No receipts.

Bethel—	
State Missions,.....	\$198 18
Home Missions,.....	39 00
Foreign Mission,.....	64 05
Evangelization col'd people,.....	1 00
Colportage,.....	8 70
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Total,.....	\$ 313 93

Bethlehem—	
State Missions,.....	\$279 05
Home Missions,.....	6 00
Foreign Missions,.....	54 00
Theological Seminary,.....	4 00
Howard College,.....	\$ 25 00
Evangelization col'd people.....	6 35
Colportage,.....	6 70
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Total,.....	\$ 381 10



Bigbee—			
State Missions	.....\$166 35	Theological Seminary.....	\$ 11 85
Home Missions	..... 52 98	Howard College.....	16 82
Foreign Missions	..... 82 10	Colportage .....	1 00
		Total.....	\$ 331 00
Big Bear Creek—No receipts.			
Boiling Springs.....	\$ 29 40	Total.....	\$ 29 40
Carey—			
State Missions	.....\$115 02	Foreign Missions .....	\$ 44 00
Home Missions	..... 8 40	Total.....	\$ 167 42
Cahaba—			
State Missions.....	\$897 21	Howard College.....	\$ 42 40
Home Missions.....	100 05	Evangelization col'd people	5 00
Foreign Missions.....	153 65	Colportage.....	3 50
Theological Seminary.....	20 60	A. and F. Bible Society...	24 00
		Total.....	\$1,245 81
Cahaba Valley—No receipts.			
Canaan—			
State Missions.....	\$119 00	Foreign Missions.....	\$ 20 50
Home Missions.....	4 50	Howard College.....	85 40
		Total .....	\$ 229 40
Cedar Bluff—			
State Missions.....	\$ 65 00	Foreign Missions.....	\$ 10 90
Home Missions.....	6 75	Total .....	\$ 82 65
Centennial—			
State Missions.....	\$272 01	Foreign Missions.....	\$ 139 81
Home Missions.....	59 76	Evangelization col'd people	2 50
		Total .....	\$ 474 08
Central—			
State Missions.....	\$193 05	Total.....	\$ 193 05
Cherokee—No receipts.			
Coosa River—			
State Missions.....	\$147 40	Theological Seminary.....	\$ 11 50
Home Missions	..... 20 75	Howard College .....	98 60
Foreign Missions.....	130 73	Total.....	\$ 408 35
Elim—			
State Missions.....	\$500 00	Foreign Missions.....	\$ 13 30
		Total.....	\$ 513 30
Eufaula—			
State Missions.....	\$387 66	Theological Seminary.....	\$ 98 40
Home Missions.....	88 49	Howard College.....	140 98
Foreign Missions.....	99 35	Evangelization col'd people	48 72
		Total.....	\$ 863 60
Harmony East—No receipts.			

Harmony West—No receipts.

Indian Creek—No receipts.

Judson—

State Missions.....	\$177 31	Foreign Missions.....	\$ 9 45
Home Missions.....	4 00	Howard College.....	3 50
		Total.....	\$ 101 26

Liberty East—

State Missions.....	\$661 03	Foreign Missions.....	\$ 110 08
Home Missions.....	106 78	Howard College.....	41 05
		Total.....	\$ 927 94

Liberty North—

State Missions.....	\$180 85	Howard College.....	\$ 2 50
Foreign Missions.....	58 87	Total.....	\$ 251 22

Liberty West—

State Missions.....	\$200 00	Foreign Missions.....	\$ 23 90
Home Missions.....	5 00	Evangelization col'd people	5 00
		Total.....	\$ 233 00

Macedonia—No receipts.

Mulberry—No receipts.

Muscle Shoals—

State Missions.....	\$308 08	Howard College.....	\$ 25 00
Foreign Missions.....	20 60	Evangelization col'd people	2 50
		Total.....	\$ 357 08

Mud Creek—No receipts.

Mt. Carmel—No receipts.

Miscellaneous—

State Missions.....	\$310 56	Theological Seminary.....	\$2,022 25
Home Missions.....	1 75	Evangelization col'd people.....	33 55
Howard College.....	5 00	Colportage.....	421 40
		Total.....	\$2,794 51

New River—No receipts.

North River—

State Missions.....	\$ 20 00	Howard College.....	\$ 50 00
		Total.....	\$ 70 00

Newton—

State Missions.....	\$240 50	Howard College.....	\$ 215 00
Foreign Missions.....	1 50	Total.....	\$ 457 00

Pine Barren—

State Missions.....	\$278 15	Howard College.....	\$ 10 00
Home Missions.....	\$ 55 35	Evangelization col'd people.....	5 00
Foreign Missions.....	121 15	Colportage.....	30 65
		Total.....	\$ 500 30

Pea River—No receipts.

Sandy Creek—			
State Missions.....	\$ 12 75	Total.....	\$ 12 75

Sulphur Springs—			
Howard College.....	\$ 5 36	Total.....	\$ 5 36

Salem—			
State Missions.....	\$176 05	Foreign Missions.....	\$ 63 00
Home Missions.....	29 25	Evangelization col'd people.....	5 00
		Total.....	\$ 273 90

Shelby—			
Home Missions.....	\$ 11 85	Foreign Missions.....	\$ 9 05
		Total.....	\$ 20 90

South-eastern—			
State Missions.....	\$ 10 25	Total.....	\$ 10 25

Tuskegee—			
State Missions.....	\$558 17	Howard College.....	\$ 21 25
Foreign Missions.....	\$ 3 20	Evangelization col'd people.....	15 00
Theological Seminary.....	150 00	Indigent ministers.....	15 00
		Total.....	\$ 762 02

Tallasehatchie and Ten Island—			
State Missions.....	\$120 00	Foreign Missions.....	\$ 2 00
Home Missions.....	2 00	Total.....	\$ 133 00

Tuskaloosa—			
State Missions.....	\$146 35	Foreign Missions.....	\$ 92 20
Home Missions.....	45 00	Theological Seminary.....	90 00
		Total.....	\$ 374 15

Tennessee River—			
State Missions.....	\$ 5 50	Total.....	\$ 5 50

Tallapoosa River—			
State Missions.....	\$ 1 35	Total.....	\$ 1 35

Unity—			
State Missions.....	\$235 50	Foreign Missions.....	\$ 10 00
Home Missions.....	7 50	Total.....	\$ 253 00

Union—			
State Missions.....	\$182 40	Howard College.....	\$ 157 90
Home Missions.....	46 17	Colportage.....	2 25
Foreign Missions.....	75 78	Total.....	\$ 464 50

Yellow Creek—No receipts.

Warrior River—			
State Missions.....	\$ 7 00	Theological Seminary.....	\$ 5 00
Home Missions.....	2 00	Howard College.....	2 00
Foreign Missions.....	2 00	Indigent ministers.....	2 00
		Total.....	\$ 20 00

Zion—			
State Missions.....	\$ 94 75	Total .....	\$ 94 75
Churches of Mobile Baptist Union—			
State Missions.....	\$600 00	Howard College.....	\$ 25 00
Foreign Missions.....	51 30	Evangelization col'd people.	\$ 5 00
		Total.....	\$ 681 30
Colportage fund on hand.....	\$ 213 07		
Indigent Ministers' fund.....	13 00		
Per cent. on funds collected for Boards.....	276 08		
			\$16,451 55

Which, on motion, were severally referred to the following committees, in accordance with the recommendations contained therein, viz :

22. *State Missions*—J. J. D. Renfro, J. Shackelford, W. G. Curry, J. H. Foster, N. B. Williams.

23. *Bible and Colportage Work*—S. Henderson, J. E. Chambliss, Z. A. Owens, J. Faukner, T. H. Marbury.

24. *On the Appointment of a General State Evangelist*—G. B. Eager, J. C. Wright, W. C. Cleveland, T. M. Bailey, B. F. Riley.

25. *On Evangelization of the Colored People*—A. B. Woodlin, J. M. Phillips, J. Gunn, N. M. Wood, J. H. Curry.

26. *On putting the Work on Cash Basis*—G. S. Anderson, W. C. Ward, A. F. Redd, W. P. Welch, F. C. David.

27. The Report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College was read by J. T. Murfee and referred to the Committee on Education.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

In reviewing the past session of Howard College, we feel that we have reason for thankfulness to God for the success that has attended it. In many respects this has been one of the most satisfactory sessions in the history of the Institution. We have had a Faculty whose scientific attainments and Christian character would lend grace and dignity to any College or University; and a corps of students who, in the main, have been young men of mature minds, high character and devoted to duty. For a detailed account of the internal administration of your College, we will refer you to the Annual Report to the Board of Trustees, made by Dr. J. T. Murfee. It will be published in the August number of the *Howard Collegian*. Every one interested in Howard College, or even in the cause of education, should read this report.

Notwithstanding the financial reductions, and increased cost of living, due to crop failures, we can say that the current expenses of the academic year just closed have all been met by the income of the College.

The Dormitories, Dining Hall and Home Department are in good condition. These, together with the Quartermaster and Commissary Stores, are critically inspected on the last Friday of every month.

The Military Department of the institution is under the immediate command of Col. A. F. Redd, who is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute. The Corps has been well drilled in the Artillery and Infantry Tactics of the United States Army; and it received the highest commendations at the grand annual

review on Commencement occasion. It contributes largely to the good discipline of the body of students, to the high scholarship and the superior moral training, which are distinctive features of Howard College. It is to be remembered that the Military takes no time from study, and that no student is compelled to join it; yet it is recommended that all shall enter the Cadet Corps; for it is believed that the one hour devoted to drill in the afternoon, and after the scholastic duties of the day are over, is promotive of physical development and mental vigor. This alone and apart from the many other advantages to be derived, is sufficient reason for our encouraging it, and for parents having their sons enter it.

There have been fourteen Theological students in attendance during the session. They are young men of bright minds, high religious character, and much zeal in the Master's cause. They have exerted a great moral and religious influence over the body of students, quite a number of whom have made a profession of religion during the session. Dr. J. T. Murfee, President of the College, and Col. A. F. Redd, a graduate of the Baptist Theological Seminary, have given special and valuable instruction to Theological students during the academic year. This work has been given to the Department of Theology outside of college hours, and in addition to regular recitations.

For the coming session all the members of the Faculty have been retained, except Prof. H. D. McCormick, of the Preparatory Department, who resigns to enter the ministry.

To parents who have sons to educate, ministers of the gospel who are laboring for the extension of our denominational influence, and to all good Baptists, we may say that the practical instruction, the high order of scholarship, and the moral training given at Howard College, commend it as without a superior. Its alumni and students throughout the land, engaged in every laudable vocation of life, have been demonstrating these facts more potently than words. Possessing a college which should justly be the pride of any State or denomination, furnishing instruction as cheap, all things considered, as any other institution of the same high grade, we hope that every Baptist in the State will not only give to it his patronage, but will labor to sustain it and extend its influence.

WM. W. WILKERSON, President.

28. The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute was read by Porter King, and referred to the Committee on Education:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE—SESSION 1881-82.

The forty-fourth session of the Judson Female Institute closed on the 15th day of June, 1882. The number of pupils registered during the session was one hundred and forty-three. Of this number there were in the Excelsior class, three; in the Collegiate Department, eighty-seven; in the Primary and Preparatory Department, fifty-three; in the Department of Art, forty-three, and in Music, sixty-five. Twelve young ladies received diplomas on Commencement day; seven gold medals were awarded, one each to Misses Lula Baily, Bennie Thompson and Ada Neilson, they having completed the Excelsior course; one each to Misses Ada Neilson, Ida Higgins and Bennie Thompson, for excellence in music, and one to Miss Mollie Fowlkes, for excellence in art.

The general health of the pupils during the past session was good. We believe it would be difficult to find any large institution whose sanitary regulations are better. Constant and well directed care is given to the neatness and cleanliness of the building and premises, to regular hours of work, recreation and sleep; and to a full supply of varied and well prepared food.

At the close of the last session, the connection of Rev. L. R. Gwaltney as President of the Judson was terminated by his resignation. Dr. Gwaltney

having been identified for the past six years with the Institute, during which period, by his indefatigable energy, his self-sacrificing devotion and unrelenting attention and kindness, had won the respect and esteem of pupils, patrons, and of the public generally, caused your Board to receive his resignation with very great reluctance. Immediately upon the announcement of his purpose, the Board undertook the difficult task of securing a successor, who should combine all the necessary qualifications to fill the vacancy. After an extended correspondence and very thorough canvass of the field, they deem themselves fortunate in having secured the services of Prof. Robert Frazer of Warrenton, Va. Prof. Frazer is a graduate of the University of Virginia, and has been successfully engaged in Female education for the last ten or twelve years as President of Fauquier Female College. He has had the additional advantage of a two years residence in Europe, thus enabling him to perfect himself in the modern languages and to acquire whatever improvements there may be in their mode of instruction. From the testimonials forwarded to your Board by brethren well known to us and to most of the members of this Convention, as to the scholarship, Christian character, skill in imparting instruction, and eminent fitness in all respects for the position to which he has been elected, we do most heartily recommend Prof. Frazer as in every respect a worthy successor and the peer of any of his illustrious predecessors. He is now actively engaged in the interests of the Judson. Prof. Frazer will be supported by an able and skilled Faculty in all the departments. The next session will begin on the 2nd day of October, 1882. A beautiful, refined, Christian, happy home, where cultivated and pious teachers exert a moulding influence; where physical strength and grace may be developed; where the powers of the mind may be unfolded and trained; where the nobler affections and aspirations of the soul may be encouraged and strengthened,—such is the ideal, which the managers of the Judson are trying to reach. In this great work, they need, they ask for the confidence, the sympathy, and the patronage of our Baptist brotherhood. They ask for that which can be given, and which if generously given will enable them to make the Judson all that its most ardent friends could desire.

Commenting the interests of our beloved Institution to the care of the Great Head of the Church, and to the favor of this Convention, the Trustees respectfully submit their report.

PORTER KING, President.

WM. T. McALLISTER, Secretary.

29. The following communication from the Ann Hasseltine Society of Judson Female Institute was read, and, on motion, the Secretary of the Convention was requested to acknowledge its receipt.

MARKON, Ala., July 8, 1882.

*30. President of the Baptist State Convention:*

The Ann Hasseltine Society of the Judson Institute presents again its annual report to your Convention, and sends President Robert Frazer as its representative.

The object of the Society is to assist the cause of Missions. There are now thirty-six members, a larger number than there has been in five years. Meetings have been held regularly twice a month—a public meeting on the first Sabbath and a private meeting the same week. Selections pertaining to missions are read at all the meetings, and on the public occasion some one previously invited delivers an address. The meetings have been well attended, and much interest has been displayed. These lectures have been edifying and stimulative of missionary spirit.

Funds are raised by initiation fees and by contributions, and have been appropriated to further the aims of the Society. Twenty-five dollars and fifty-five

cents have been sent to assist in sustaining a native Chinese woman who assists our missionaries there by reading the Bible in the homes of the people. Six dollars have been given to the church at Pensacola Junction to assist in erecting a house of worship. Twelve dollars were sent to Sumterville, Sumter Co., Fla., for the same purpose. Six dollars and thirty-five cents have been given to the State Mission Board of Alabama. Five dollars were sent to assist in building the chapel in Italy. The total amount received and appropriated to these various objects is \$54.90.

All of this is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES STEWART, President;  
JULIA MURFEE, Secretary,  
Ann Hasseltine Society.

30. Prof. Robt. Frazer, the President of the Judson Female Institute, was introduced to the Convention, and, on motion, it was agreed that time should be given him to present the interests of the College.

31. The Report of the Board of Directors of the Convention was read and referred to a special committee consisting of G. B. Eager, T. W. Hart and J. G. Apsey.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

At a called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Baptist State Convention held this day in the basement of the Baptist church in Marion, Ala., the following proceedings were had:

Members present: Dr. E. T. Winkler, President; J. T. Murfee, P. King, Jno. H. Lee, W. W. Wilkerson, J. B. Lovelace and S. H. Fowlkes. Brethren E. B. Vaiden and T. M. Bailey were invited to sit and participate in the meeting.

The object of the meeting was to hear the report read of J. B. & C. W. Lovelace, successors to Crenshaw, Lovelace & Co., custodians of the funds arising from the sale of the Greensboro church property, which was transferred to the Alabama State Convention by the Trustees of said church, to which report reference is hereby made.

The Report, after being discussed by the Directory, was on motion referred to an auditing committee, consisting of J. G. Apsey and J. T. Murfee, who subsequently reported that they had examined the same, found it correct and supported by proper vouchers, which was adopted.

It was, on motion,

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Directors of the Alabama Baptist State Convention extend to the firm of Crenshaw, Lovelace & Co. and their successors, J. B. & C. W. Lovelace, their thanks for the fidelity manifested by them in the care of, and expenditure of, the Greensboro church fund under the direction of the Board, of which they were the custodians, and that a copy of this resolution, together with the report of the auditing committee, be furnished J. B. & C. W. Lovelace by the secretary of this meeting. Adopted.

2. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to present this report to the next Alabama Baptist State Convention, with a request that the records of the Convention be referred to which bear upon this subject to show whether or not a proper disposition has been made of said funds. Adopted.

The committee consists of J. T. Murfee, W. W. Wilkerson and Porter King. No other business, the Board then adjourned.

S. H. FOWLKES, Secretary pro tem.  
Respectfully submitted to the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

S. H. FOWLKES, Secretary pro tem.

Marion, Ala., July 6, 1882.

Greensboro

32. The Report of the Alabama Central Female College was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ALABAMA CENTRAL FEMALE COLLEGE AT TUSKALOOSA.

This College has just closed the most useful and prosperous year of its history. This is shown in the increased patronage it has received, the character and amount of work accomplished, in its several departments of instruction, in the improvements on the building, and in the increase of its facilities for doing its work. The number of pupils in attendance last year was one hundred and thirty-two. Of this number, fourteen were awarded diplomas as full graduates at the late commencement. This showing of the condition of the school is peculiarly gratifying, in view of the financial depression all over the State incident to the failure of the crops of the past year, and inspires its friends with great confidence as to its future success. While the number of pupils in other schools and colleges has suffered material depreciation, the Alabama Central has not only held its own, but has enlarged its work.

The repairs on the property begun a year since have gone steadily forward until now it is in better condition than at any time since it came into the possession and under the control of the denomination.

The Musical Department has been furnished with new and costly instruments, the Study Room has been supplied with new desks, the Chapel has been refurnished and enhanced in attractiveness and comfort, and the Boarding rooms re-carpeted and supplied with new furniture, so that the College may now justly compete in point of facilities for instruction, comfort and attractiveness with the most favored Institutions of the land. All this has been accomplished without asking a cent of pecuniary aid from the denomination or from any of its friends. The property is absolutely free of debt, and the school self-sustaining.

The Institution will continue under the same management as heretofore, with Prof. A. K. Yancey as President. The past success of the school under the administration of Prof. Yancey, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees and its friends, is a sufficient guarantee of its future success. All the departments of the College are in the hands of teachers who have demonstrated their fitness by years of experience in teaching, and who are retained because their places could not be more efficiently filled by others.

Having this splendid property free of rent and, on that account, being enabled to offer the best educational advantages, under the influence and direction of Baptist sentiment, the Board of Trustees confidently appeal to the great Baptist brotherhood for a share of its patronage and to this Convention for its continued endorsement and support.

JOSHUA H. FOSTER,  
President Board Trustees.

33. Adjourned with prayer by Jos. Shackelford.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock.

34. A half hour's devotional exercise was conducted by T. H. Stout.

35. The Convention resumed business.

36. The following resolution was read and referred to the committee on time and place:

WHEREAS, Complaint has been made that ministers of the Gospel and other members of the Baptist State Convention of Alabama, violated the Sab-



bath by travelling on the next day after the close of the last session of this body; be it therefore

*Resolved*, That when this Convention shall close its present session, it shall adjourn to meet on such day of the week as will obviate the necessity of its closing its next annual session on Saturday.

37. The Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers made their report, which, after discussion, was adopted:

#### REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

We are impressed with a profound sense of the importance of this work.

The destitution of the aged and infirm Baptist ministers in our State, which in several instances is known to us to be distressing, touches our hearts, awakens our sympathies and enlists our feelings as no other object of benevolence does.

Worn out by lives of unremitting effort in the service of God, and incapable, by reason of infirmity, of securing a support for themselves and families and with nothing laid up against this day of trial, they are appropriately the wards of the churches and upon us is laid the duty of providing for their wants.

We lament that so little progress has been made in securing a fund sufficient to meet the demands of this class of destitution. We attribute this to two causes:

1. It is the conviction of many of the brethren that this work appropriately belongs to the associations and churches and should not be undertaken by the Committee.

2. There has been no definite plan submitted for carrying on the work.

We have given much time and thought to the subject of Ministerial Relief, and after much investigation and pains-taking effort to ascertain the best way of conducting the work, we give it as our deliberate conviction based upon reasons, that we trust will be obvious to all, that the Convention is the only body that can successfully prosecute it, and therefore we recommend that hereafter greater prominence shall be given to it by the Boards and agents of the Convention.

We also recommend that a Committee consisting of three brethren, of which Bro. J. G. Harris shall be Chairman, be appointed to which this work shall be referred with instructions to prosecute it by such methods and means as may be deemed most efficient and practicable. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. POTLATES.

38. The order of business providing for a report on Temperance was suspended, because of the indisposition of a member and the absence of another of the Committee, until another hour.

39. The Treasurer's report was read.

*To the President and Members of the Alabama Baptist State Convention:*

BRETHREN:—As Treasurer of your body I have no report to make for the Conventional year ending July 12th, 1882, for the reason that no funds have come into my hands since the last meeting of your body. The funds and vouchers reported to your last Convention were not as usual, placed in my hands, and hence I have nothing to report. Respectfully submitted,

S. H. FOWKES, Treasurer.

*Marion, Ala., July 7th, 1882.*

40. The vacancy in Committee on Education was filled by the addition of A. F. Redd, N. B. Williams, F. D. Hale.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 8:30 o'clock.

41. The Convention met at the appointed hour and notwithstanding the rain the building was well filled by an attentive congregation, who listened to the Introductory Sermon preached by B. F. Riley, from Matt. 13:17: For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

42. After a half hour's devotional exercise conducted by B. H. Crumpton, the Convention resumed business.

43. *Resolved*, That the subject of Temperance shall be taken up at some subsequent time during the session.

44. The following Committee was appointed on time and place for the next session of the Convention: T. H. Stout, W. C. Cleveland, I. A. White.

45. The report of the Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Directors of the Convention was read and recommitted after discussion, with the addition of S. Henderson and I. T. Tichenor to the committee. [See Item 67.]

46. The report on State Missions was read by J. J. D. Renfro and discussed by W. C. Ward on "The Needs of the Field," and A. B. Woodfin on "The Best Methods of Reaching the Masses," followed by other brethren, and adopted:

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The report submitted to this body at this session by the State Mission Board at Selma, presents such an array of the evidences of wise management and enlarged efficiency as should fill all hearts with grateful praise to God, and with expectations of final and complete success in this department of our work. The work of State Missions has steadily grown from its inception, every year taking still deeper hold on the hearts and liberality of our people. Very much of what was anticipated at the beginning has been already accomplished, and still opportunities and possibilities for a greater work among the churches and people of our State open more and more invitingly and hopefully with the coming of every year. There is yet a great work before us; there is much more land to be possessed. In village, town and city; in country, valley and mountain, the call for still larger and more earnest effort is constantly on us. Difficult questions as to ways and means must perpetually arise in the progress of the Board's work; but the Convention and the Baptists of Alabama, can confidently rely upon the wise judgment of the Board, and in the fear of God, in the grace of Christ our

Lord, and in the fellowship of the Spirit, we may, and we should bid them good cheer, with warmest trustfulness, with prayerful sympathy, and a constantly growing liberality. This work properly fostered, in its natural relations to all our other enterprises, and another ten years history will make our cause to rejoice and blossom as the rose, yea, it shall blossom abundantly. Let us go up and possess the land, for we are able.

Your Committee would suggest, that it is worthy of consideration whether we should not bestow the strength of this work on central points in the State where we must build and strengthen Baptist interests; and further suggest the appointment of the strongest and most efficient men who can be obtained, and this may demand the appointment of fewer men.

J. J. D. RENEROE,  
J. SHACKELFORD,  
N. B. WILLIAMS,  
W. G. CURRY,  
J. H. FOSTER.

47. Prof. Robt. Frazer, of the Judson Female Institute, spoke in the interest of that Institution.

Prof. G. W. Johnston, of Mary Sharp College, was introduced and made some remarks.

48. The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the State Mission Board as relates to the work among the colored people, made their report through A. B. Woodfin, viz.:

We, the committee appointed to consider so much of the report of the State Mission Board as pertains to the evangelization of the colored people, report, that in our judgment the work is one of great importance, and we recommend its continuance if, in the wisdom of the Board, it shall be deemed practicable.

A. B. WOODFIN,  
J. M. PHILLIPS,  
J. H. CURRY,  
J. GUNN,  
M. M. WOOD.

which was, after remarks, postponed until Saturday afternoon for further consideration.

49. The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the State Mission Board as related to the appointment of a General Evangelist, reported as follows, which was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the State Mission Board as has to do with the appointment of a General Evangelist, respectfully report, that, in their judgment, the vast destitution and varied needs of the field and the inadequacy of the agencies now employed to meet the demands of the case, make the adoption of such an agency imperative. We would, therefore, endorse the recommendation of the Board, and suggest that this Convention authorize the State Board to secure the services of a suitable man as soon as practicable and send him forth to do the work of an Evangelist under their direction.

G. B. EAGER, Chairman.  
J. C. WRIGHT,  
T. M. BAILEY,  
W. C. CLEVELAND,  
B. F. RILEY,

50. L. R. Gwaltney, from the Committee on Temperance, by leave, presented the Report, which, after reading, was, on motion, made special order for this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg to submit the following :

The struggle for reform in all matters pertaining to the welfare of society is becoming more pronounced and resolute as the years pass by. While Intemperance is not the only evil that afflicts the land, it is recognized as the greatest in extent and the most deplorable in results.

We do not propose to set forth the enormity of this evil. The pen, the canvas and the lips, touched with more than human inspiration, have not conveyed, cannot convey, to our minds an adequate conception of all the crime and want and wretchedness entailed upon our race through this single evil. When one soberly contemplates its widespread and deadly work, his soul is stirred within him. Sorrow, pity, horror, indignation—a storm of many passions,—rage in the breast. He feels that he cannot forbear to speak and plead and act with all good men in seeking deliverance from this desolating scourge which destroys body and soul for time and for eternity.

With trembling, sometimes with terrible emphasis, we ask, "Has anything been accomplished to stay its onward tread? Has any progress in reform been made during these long years of endurance and struggle? Must these evils exist forever? Must they blight and wither and blast all that is dearest and best before our very eyes, and must we die with the sad conviction that this heritage of anguish and shame will be left to our children and to all coming generations?" These are questions that thrill the soul and awaken the profoundest anxiety in every generous heart. Who must answer them? Who must give pledge for the right answer and see to it that the pledge is kept? Ungodly men, enthralled by appetite and avarice, will never move, will never press the question of reform and deliverance. Christian men must meet the issue, must begin in every quarter the conflict, and wage it with unflinching resolve.

The rescue of our country from the stain and misery of intemperance rests with the Christian people of the country. They have the power; on them devolves the responsibility. Let us state the case. Christians by their profession, by the very principles of their religion, stand committed to every good work. Every movement that seeks and secures the good of man and the progress of Christ's kingdom, must, by virtue of their avowed principles, command their sympathy and support. Self, self-interests, selfish gratifications, they hold, by their profession, in subordination to this one great end of life—namely, living to do good, for Christ's sake, to all men, especially to all who suffer and sink under the power of evil. Apply this broad principle to the temperance question. Intemperance always defiles, corrupts, injures and, unchecked, utterly destroys. No one can deny that it is "evil, ONLY evil," in its tendency and fruits. Then, the Christian's duty is plain.

Whoever may hesitate, his profession and principles will not allow *him* to hesitate. Whatever he can honestly do to weaken and overthrow the power of intemperance, it is his sacred duty to do. He, as to this issue, has nothing to do with self-interests, with business profits, with worldly ambitions, with the gratification of appetite, with the demands of fashion or custom. The whole question, *as to him*, has passed beyond these narrow and lower boundaries, and has assumed the broader, higher, grander attitude of supreme duty to God's honor and man's highest good. Does he not desire to see men made better and happier, stronger for truth and virtue, servants of God and holiness, rather than servants of Satan and sin? Does he not know that intemperance is the most seductive and most potent influence in making men more wicked and lawless, more debased and shameless, more the victims of bitter suffering and sorrow

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here and the doomed victims of unutterable woe hereafter? And does he not know that *his* faithful, self-sacrificing efforts to help and save will surely accomplish some good? Let him read and ponder till it glows in his heart, a living rebuke and incentive, the words of inspiration, "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

The united efforts of *all* Christians in this nation would speedily accomplish the overthrow of the liquor traffic. Some five years ago, Rev. Dr. Mansfield, of Cincinnati, announced that "if the men of the Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal churches of Ohio would act together, they could carry any great measure which might come before the people."

The venerable Dr. Lyman Beecher said fifty years ago, "The Christian churches of the United States have the power to break down the traffic in ardent spirits." The Hon. Gilson T. Stewart said, "The Census Statistics demonstrate that, half a century ago when Dr. Beecher proclaimed this startling truth, the Christian churches of the United States held and have since held, either in their direct communion, or by connection of families under their control, a majority of the voters in the country." Besides, it is well known that a large number of men outside all the churches have ever been ready to co-operate with Christians in this good and great work. It is, then, simply affirming a truth, though a startling as well as humiliating truth, when we affirm that the perpetuity of the liquor traffic with all its attendant evils rests with the Christian men of the country. Shall our land continue to be filled with crime and suffering? Shall our homes be desolated? Shall our sons be enticed into drunkenness and debauchery; and our daughters be made to feel the anguish and shame which ever reside in the habitations of the drunkard? Shall these inevitable results of liquor-making and liquor-drinking abide with us to mar all that is fair, and taint all that is pure? These are questions now addressed to Christian men as they never were addressed to them before.

The work of the dram shop lies athwart the path and the effort of every mother, every father, every teacher, every Christian pastor in the land. It is thus in the way, not as a huge boulder that hinders only by being in the way, but as an active, determined, powerful, ever awake, ever untiring, unfeeling, desperate foe, who seizes every advantage, employs every resource of money, position, and brains; a foe which hesitates at no device that may perpetuate and enlarge his power and his dominion.

Shall this fo: triumph? Christian men! it is for you to decide. It is, fo: the Baptist brotherhood of Alabama, to decide what we, as far as our influence and responsibility may reach, will do in this great issue. Your Committee, with becoming deference to the convictions of others, and with no desire to PRESS others in the direction of this report, beg permission to avow an unhesitating record. By God's grace and help, we will give no uncertain sound. We place ourselves on the side of total abstinence as to the individual, for the sake of influencing others by an example that never did harm, can do no harm, and on the side of Prohibition as to the church, Prohibition as to the State; Prohibition by means strictly constitutional and lawful, and that too without unbecomingly allying ourselves to politics or to political parties—a position which aims at the employment of all honorable means for the overthrow of what may be called the liquor power.

To this issue of Prohibition it must come at last, if we would succeed. All neutral ground is deceptive and will lead to failure. As long as the State allow, the manufacture and sale of liquors as a beverage, so long men will drink and be ruined. As long as the church tolerates the buying and selling and drinking, as a beverage, so long will good men fall, wicked men jeer, and the power of the church be weakened and contemned. To sell as a beverage will ever entice and betray. To drink as a beverage will ever invite the sting of the serpent and the adder's deadly bite.

Both will always lead, as they have ever lead, to the degradation of morality and religion, to the enthronement of vice and crime, to the enacting of scenes on

which the stars look down nightly because they must, but from which angels veil their eyes and cry with trembling voice, "Lord! how long, oh, how long!!" Christian men, can you look on quietly, can you afford to be inactive, can you reject the issue, and turn from the conflict as something which does not concern you? If so, permit us to say, you decide for your own condemnation. Twenty large, strong, determined Temperance Organizations exist in the world. They exist because there is a place for them. God has assigned that place. They do not exist for nought. They will not all die. If they should die, others will arise to take their place. Their leading principle, "To help the fallen and save others from falling," is heaven inspired. Behind this principle you shall find the breath of Omnipotence and the favoring smile of the World's Redeemer.

These temperance men have not wrought in vain. For fifty years, their principles and aims could gain but the slightest recognition. They existed by suffrance. Their voice was heard "*cum speciali gratia*." But it is not so now—NOT so. These principles have rooted themselves deep and wide in the consciences and hearts of thousands of the devoutly pious and self-sacrificing. "A little leaven" has leavened a large lump—will leaven the whole mass.

During the last year, aggressive, restrictive, prohibitory measures were introduced in the Legislatures of the following States: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Washington Territory.

Some of these measures were defeated; some were victorious, but in all these States the convictions of men for sobriety and right are becoming deeper and stronger. The growth of sentiment in favor of Prohibition is decided and unmistakable.

While opposition has become more pronounced, better organized, more threatening and formidable, this but aids in hastening the final struggle. It unveils the purpose, the spirit, and the strength of those who oppose all legislative restrictions, and hence reveals the foe we must meet and suggests better methods of attack and defense.

Calls for a National Prohibitory Convention, and for State Prohibitory Conventions, are ringing more distinct and inspiring over the land. These calls will be heeded. While brewers and distillers announce their purpose to stand solid for the obstruction and overthrow of prohibitory legislation, while they "pledge themselves to overlook party affiliations and act together in defeat of the candidates of any party that panders to fanaticism by the support of prohibitory laws," the resolute friends of temperance, thus branded as fanatics, stand with a front equally solid and determined.

With manly candor and courage they avow it to be their purpose to use all lawful means to prohibit and suppress a traffic of which this much may be said as indisputably true: "It wages deadly war upon every interest of Nation, State and people. As it flourishes, every legitimate industry languishes and dies. It wastes the wages of labor, it impoverishes and pauperizes the people, and fills workhouses, jails and penitentiaries with wretched victims. Its whole influence is to drive out every thing that is good, and substitute every thing that is bad. It converts good husbands, fathers and sons into bad ones. It fills hundreds of thousands of homes with untold misery which, but for it, would be prosperous, peaceful and happy." Such are the convictions of all thoughtful men.

The policy of licensing this traffic has been tried in various ways, with various restrictions, for four hundred years, and under this policy intemperance and its horrors have steadily grown until the proportions startle, amaze, confound us.

Prohibition, more or less thorough, has been tried, and with a measure of success that brings encouragement and gratitude to all good men. That Prohi-

bition has accomplished immense good and does prohibit in a large degree, is sustained by indisputable facts. If the jeers of opponents, and the despondency of friends were well-founded, it would still be our duty to oppose so great an evil, though failure seemed certain. We owe it to ourselves and to posterity to resist uncompromisingly whatever is evil and wrong, to struggle for the triumph of whatever is good and right, leaving results to God. A passive or indifferent attitude in the presence of an acknowledged and aggressive wrong, is utterly indefensible and criminally weak.

But this evil is not entrenched behind an impregnable fastness. It is vulnerable. It originates in man's appetite and avarice, is sustained and strengthened by them. Like all human evils, its criminality can be demonstrated, and its power can be broken, as other evils have been overthrown by the progress of civilization and Christianity. History records many conflicts which have resulted in the triumph of right over wrong. Of this gigantic evil whose shadow fills the earth, it has been written, "Thy days are numbered."

We announce it as our deep, abiding faith that the domination of the liquor power cannot continue forever. ~~Its downfall is as certain as the fulfillment of the decrees of Him who has declared, "Righteousness shall fill the earth."~~ The agencies now at work for its overthrow, no human power can check. Their origin is in the eternal principles of God's word. They must and will prevail. As persistent as the law of gravitation, as undying as Christian faith, as strong yet tender as martyr courage and devotion, these agencies invite YOUR co-operation, and will gladly welcome YOUR aid. But if you give it not, they will find other auxiliaries, and will surely triumph in the end.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. GWALTNEY.

Adjourned with prayer by J. O. Hixson.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock.

51. The session was opened with prayer by J. Gunn.

52. The President announced J. G. Harris, chairman, I. C. Brown and J. M. Phillips as the committee on aged and infirm ministers.

53. The Committee on Bible and Colportage Work made their report through S. Henderson, and, after discussion by Z. A. Owens, S. Henderson and T. M. Bailey, and a collection as below was taken up; it was adopted :

For permanent Colportage Fund, cash collected,.....	\$ 27.85
Mountain Creek Sabbath School,.....	\$100.00
Coosa River Association,.....	100.00— 200.00
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	\$227.85

FOR HENDERSON COLPORTAGE FUND, \$115.

{ R. W. Beck, R. Frazer, I. T. Tichenor, B. F. Riley,				
10.00 10.00 10.00 5.00				Paid, 35.00
{ W. P. Welch, Alabama Baptist, American Baptist,				
10.00 10.00 10.00			30.00	
{ W. C. Cleveland, J. E. Chambliss, W. C. Ward,				
5.00 5.00 5.00			15.00	
{ Z. A. Owens, W. F. Kone, Jo'n Haralson,				
5.00 5.00 5.00			15.00	Pledges, 60.00
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				Carried forward, \$322.85

Brought forward, \$322.85

L. R. Gwaltney, J. T. Murfee, J. T. Redd,

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Ruhamah Sunday School through R. W. Beck,

5.00—Pledges, 20.00

In all, \$342.85

## COLPORTAGE.

The importance of Colportage work is conceded by all. The vast amount of fiction and trash, not to say decidedly immoral literature, issued from the press, and hawked about over the country, lays upon the friends of morality and religion an obligation to meet it with a counter current of healthy, religious books and tracts which cannot be evaded with impunity. The United States Mail has come to be a grand circulating library of such publications as vitiate the morals and dwarf the intellects of the youth of our country of both sexes, thus disqualifying them for the stern duties of life. False views are inspired of what must constitute the reality of their future history, so that when the illusion vanishes, the wreck in many cases is irreparable. Our duty is, so far as we may, to meet this tide of evil by the circulation of such books, newspapers, and tracts, as will either preoccupy the minds of the young with something better, or at least neutralize the vicious influence of these puerile or demoralizing publications. Experience has shown that the most effective way to do this is by a system of vigorous colportage, thus carrying Bibles and good books to the very homes of the people and preoccupy the ground. If we first fill the vessel with wheat, we may defy the chaff. We cannot, therefore, too highly commend our State Mission Board for the energy with which it has laid hold of this work, and, considering its limited resources, the success that has crowned its efforts. And we do most earnestly recommend the raising of an annual fund which will enable the Board to enlarge this part of its work. Good books, religious newspapers, and the pulpit are the grand moral and intellectual educators of our people, and that people who utilize these agencies most wisely and efficiently, will, sooner or later, constitute the leading moral and religious power in our land.

We only add, in conclusion, that we owe it to Christ, we owe it to ourselves, and we owe it to the world, to circulate a fair installment of denominational books, tracts, and newspapers, to vindicate what we believe to be the integrity of the "faith once delivered to the saints." Standing, as we do, on what we are persuaded is Apostolic ground in faith and practice, we are bound by our fidelity to truth to embody in our plans the highest type of that "zeal which is according to knowledge" in the maintenance of "the truth as it is in Jesus Christ." We ought not to aim at less than to place ourselves within the commendation of the great Apostle of the Gentiles: "Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances as I delivered them to you."

S. HENDERSON, Chairman.

54. On motion, the hour set for it having arrived, the Report on Temperance was taken from the table and discussed, and recommitted, on motion, for change in phraseology.

55. The Convention, on motion, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, and after listening to the statements of Evangelistic labors from B. H. Crumpton and J. G. McCaskey, rose and resumed business.

56. Resolved, That the further consideration of this subject be the special business for Friday from 12 to 1 o'clock.

57. On motion, adjourned with prayer by J. Falkner.

The Minutes are all of what discussed



## THURSDAY NIGHT.

58. The Convention was opened with devotional exercises conducted by F. C. David.

59. The Report on Sabbath Schools was read and discussed by J. J. Stamps and others, and adopted :

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee do not deem it necessary to offer any argument to establish the importance of this department of church work. That is admitted almost universally, by intelligent Christians. Yet, strange as it may appear, this admission, on the part of a large majority, is merely nominal. To aid in making it real and earnest, in so far as it refers to the Baptist Christians of Alabama, is the object of this report. To this end it is deemed best to call the attention of this Convention to some of the hindrances which environ the work. Prominent among these are :

1. The dominant idea that Sabbath Schools are designed for the instruction of children only.
2. Inefficient teachers.
3. Lack of financial support.
4. The holding of only monthly meetings by a majority of our churches.

Under the first head we argue, that it will be a sad day, when our church members generally shall conclude they have graduated in Bible Study. The most learned as well as the most ignorant can increase their efficiency as Christian workers by the earnest, social study of God's word. As the Sabbath School offers better facilities for this social study than any other meeting held by our churches, all members not prevented by other urgent duties should engage in Sabbath School work for their own personal benefit.

But, admitting that the prime object of the Sabbath School is to instruct children and interest them in religious matter, it is argued this can best be accomplished by the active co-operation of the adult members, because children take interest in and value those things which engage the earnest attention of their parents and the other adult members of their families. If father loves and talks of horses, and dogs, and guns, the sons will love and talk of them ; if mother is wrapped up in fashions, and dress, and theatres, and ball-rooms, the children will love these things also. If parents and adult members generally attend Sabbath School, the attendance of the children will be largely increased. If the elders give themselves much to the study of Sabbath School lessons, the children will find greater interest in such study, and the efficiency of Sabbath School work will be greatly enhanced.

To accomplish this end we recommend that our churches be urged to impress this work upon those applying for membership. *Then* the minds and hearts of young Christians are more easily impressed, and impressions then made are more lasting. The Sabbath School needs gray hairs to dignify and ennoble the work.

For the removal of the second difficulty we suggest persistent efforts on the part of pastors and superintendents to impress the importance of the position of teacher ; the necessity of visiting and working with scholars outside of the school room ; the value of discipline in the class during school session ; and the obligations resting upon each teacher to give special study to each lesson. Scholarly teachers are not so much desired as earnest, loving teachers, who are willing to devote time and study to each lesson, to make it profitable and attractive. The study given years ago is not sufficient. A special lesson requires special study.

To furnish financial support, we recommend that the churches assume the responsibility of providing their schools with all needful helps, to be paid for out of the general treasury as regular church expenses. Those members who do

all the teaching and praying in the schools should not be expected to do all the paying also.

For the fourth difficulty we recommend meetings for worship every Sabbath. The establishment of Sabbath Schools will aid in sustaining these weekly services and thus the fostering care bestowed by the churches upon the schools will be abundantly repaid.

This work grows in importance and should command the earnest attention of this Convention and of all our churches throughout the State.

In conclusion we beg to call attention to the meagre statistics given by the churches as shown by the published proceedings of our last Convention. Though there were reported 1,361 churches, with a membership of 76,000, only 144 schools were reported with a membership of 7,487. The mere mention of these figures will, we trust, induce better reports from the clerks of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. HUDSON, Chairman.

60. Adjourned with benediction by W. N. Chaudoin.

#### FRIDAY MORNING.

61. The devotional exercises were conducted by J. A. Howard.

The Minutes were read.

62. J. O. Hixson submitted the Report on Home Missions which was discussed and adopted :

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit the following report :

The work designed to be performed by the Home Board is vast in its proportions and important in its demands. The field of its operations, for the present, though not definitely marked out, may be sufficiently indicated in the following statements.

It proposes to prosecute, on an enlarged scale, the work of Christianizing the thousands of Chinese, now in California. It desires to meet the increased demands of our Indian Mission, which, though abundantly prosperous in the past, still has strong claims upon every American Christian to aid in making it more gloriously successful in the future. It desires to aid, as far as possible, in the propagation of the gospel, and in the development of a controlling spirit of Christianity in all parts of these Southern States, giving special prominence to the city of New Orleans and other great centres of influence and power. It desires to multiply and put in successful operation agencies and influences adequate to meet the pressing demands of the present condition of society in the *great Southwest*—especially Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, so that the principles of our Master and the practices of our denomination may control the hearts and direct the lives of the millions of its unholy population, and thus make all these broad, rich lands fit homes for our sons and daughters.

The work of the Home Board, as thus partially indicated, is *vast and important*. Who can fail to realize its claims upon our hearts and purses? Who can deny that such a work *ought* to be done? Who dares to *fear* that it cannot be done, by our united effort, with the divine blessing and under divine guidance? Making due allowance for the hindering influences which have opposed its progress in the past, and we can justly say that our Home Board has done a grand work. It has scattered blessings all over this Southern land, gladdening

thousands of hearts with the light of redeeming truth and the joys of salvation, and exciting a spirit of active Christiana benevolence, which, in the years to come, will be powerful for good to the very ends of the earth. Let such a Board enjoy our cheering confidence, and receive our strengthening support, and let such a work go on to completion. *Five hundred thousand dollars* is not more than the *one million* of Southern Baptists ought to give to this Board annually; and they ought to be ashamed to give *less* than *one hundred thousand dollars*. Though its location has been changed from Marion, Ala., to Atlanta, Ga., it is still *our* Board; and, while we yield our preference, as to its location, we warmly indorse and commend its newly elected officers, and pledge them our hearty co-operation and continued support. If thus favored with the prayerful affection of our great Baptist brotherhood, as it deserves to be; and sustained by their money, as it should be, no doubt the Home Board will be a mighty factor in the work of salvation, in all ages and in all lands.

Your committee would ask this Convention to indorse "*Kind Words*," as an excellent Baptist Sabbath School paper, worthy of the patronage of our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. HIXSON, Chairman.

B. F. RILEY,

FRED. D. HALE.

63. The Committee to nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, was amended by adding the names of the Committee and adopted :

#### DELEGATES TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, 1883.

E. F. Baber, W. C. Cleveland, T. M. Bailey, A. P. Bush, W. G. Curry, G. B. Eager, J. H. Foster, Z. D. Roby, J. J. D. Kenfroe, N. B. Williams, Jon. Haralson, B. B. Davis, Porter King, E. T. Winkler, Eli S. Shorter, B. F. Riley, J. T. Mufee, J. A. Howard, R. C. Keeble, W. W. Willkerson, John L. West, J. K. Ryan, Z. A. Owens, E. J. Forrester, J. M. Phillips, S. Henderson, A. B. Woodfin, W. B. Crumpton, M. G. Hudson, Joseph Shackelford, J. Gunn, E. T. Smyth, T. H. Stout, W. F. Kone, J. B. Lovelace, F. D. Hale, J. G. Huckabee, W. C. Ward, J. B. Eddins, Jno. T. Davis, T. L. Jones, G. D. Benton, J. C. Wright, W. N. Reeves, M. M. Wamboldt, W. S. Rogers, P. M. Callaway, H. F. Oliver, H. C. Taul, J. Falkner, G. S. Anderson, J. G. Harris, A. K. Yancey, J. E. White, F. B. Moodie, B. F. Hendon, J. P. Hubbard, E. Y. Van Hoose, J. S. Dill, E. B. Teague, W. Wilkes, B. J. Skinner, T. W. Hart, C. P. Fountain, I. A. White, R. W. Beck, J. B. Appleton, L. L. Belsher, J. D. Cook, J. H. Curry, F. C. David, Robert Frazer, C. W. Hare, J. O. Hixson, W. B. Davidson, Matt Lyon, J. G. McCaskey, J. C. Orr, W. A. Davis, S. O. Y. Ray, F. J. Rigney, J. J. Stamps, J. E. Chambliss, R. J. Waldrop, J. A. Harris, R. T. Wear, W. T. Smith, S. R. C. Adams, T. J. Law, B. H. Crumpton, P. M. Musgrove, Wm. S. Simpson, W. F. Pond, J. C. Stratford.

64. The Committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the State Mission Board which referred to *suggesting a plan to place the work on a cash basis*, reported as follows, which was laid on the table for future action :

#### REPORT.

We, the Committee on a Cash Basis for the operation of the State Board, beg leave to submit the following recommendations :

1. That the work be brought to the attention of the churches by their pastors and missionaries as often as may be expedient, and that collections be taken at least quarterly.

2. That funds collected for Missions be immediately remitted to the Secretary of the State Mission Board by the clerks of the churches and secretaries of societies.

3. That each association be earnestly requested to raise a State Mission fund for the general work of the State Board over and above the special fund appropriated upon the associational field.

4. That the churches endeavor so to systematize their benevolence and make their contributions to the Board regularly through the different seasons of the year, as to enable the Board to pay the Missionaries quarterly without embarrassing them with the collection of their own salaries on their fields.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. ANDERSON, Chairman.

65. The Committee to nominate a State Mission Board reported, which report was amended by electing B. B. Davis Statistical Secretary, and adopted, viz :

STATE MISSION BOARD.

W. C. Cleveland, President; T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; B. B. Davis, Statistical Secretary; Jonathan Haralson, W. P. Welch, W. C. Ward, R. C. Keeble, H. A. Haralson, T. S. Bowen, H. S. D. Mallory, Abner Williams, James Crook, J. W. Stillwell, E. T. Winkler, A. B. Woodfin.

66. The hour for the special order (the hearing from the State Evangelists on the state of religion) having arrived, F. C. David made statements of his work, and by leave presented the claims of the Decatur church, when a cash collection was taken of \$25.00, when he was followed by S. O. Y. Ray, S. R. C. Adams, and, by request, T. Tecklenberg, who has charge of the German Mission at Cullman, spoke of his work, and a voluntary offering amounting, in cash and pledges, to \$28.00 was made for that work.

67. The amended report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Directors of the Convention was submitted and adopted.

We, your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Directors, beg leave to report that, having examined the deed and all the papers that have to do with the matters in question, we find :

1. That Salem Baptist church, in the town of Greensboro, did, "on the 1st Sabbath in July, 1866," "unanimously" resolve that Rev. D. P. Bestor be authorized to convey the church property of said church to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, "in fee simple, to be held in trust" by said body, "for the use of the denomination and for the purposes and objects of said Convention."

2. That, in accordance with the premises, the Rev. D. P. Bestor, on the 13th of March, 1867, did convey said property of the Salem Baptist church to said Convention.

3. That the sale of said property brought a sum which amounted, with the interest thereon, to.....\$9,428 29

And that this sum was disposed of as follows: Amount paid colored Baptists in Greensboro to induce them to release their claim on said property (including expenses, &c.)..... 2,919 10

Leaving an original balance of.....\$7,409 19

This latter amount was appropriated as follows :

April 28, 1868, by loan to Howard College, (as reported in Convention Minutes).....	\$1,990 00
January 31, 1872, by loan to Howard College.....	1,860 00
February 16, 1872, by loan to Howard College.....	1,854 46
December 3, 1872, by appropriation of Convention to Howard College.....	1,604 44
February 20, 1868, by loan to A. J. Battle (by order of Board of Directors).....	100 00

4. That the said moneys lent to Howard College were finally disposed of in accordance with the purposes of the Convention (as required by the deed), as follows :

To pay balance due Dr. Curry on contract made by the Convention.....	\$1,500 00
To salary of Dr. Freeman, President of College, by order of the Convention.....	2,514 46
In settlement of old salary claims of Professors of the College.....	990 00
To pay first amount due Col. J. T. Murfee on his taking charge of College.....	1,200 00

5. That there is now in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the College, in cash, 30 cents ; in note of A. J. Battle, \$100 00.

In brief, we find—

1. That the church and lot at Greensboro became the property "in fee simple" of the Convention.

2. That the moneys accruing from the sale thereof were applied in accordance with the provisions of the deed.

In conclusion, therefore, we would respectfully recommend :

1. That the above reported transactions and expenditures be approved by this body, and that Howard College be relieved of any concern or further responsibility in the case.

2. That this body hold and declare itself to be morally obligated to do all it can to assist the Baptists of Greensboro in building a suitable house of worship whenever it may become desirable for them to rebuild.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. EAGER, Chairman.

68. On motion, it was resolved, that in acknowledgment of the distinguished services rendered by T. M. Bailey, he be elected a life member of this Convention.

Adjourned with prayer by Matt Lyon.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

69. The Convention, after devotional exercises, conducted by J. Falkner, resumed business.

70. A telegram from Sister Jamar, of Huntsville church, dated Breno, Va., quoting Mark 16:15, was read, and J. E. Chambliss was requested to reply thereto, which he did by sending I. Cor. 1:23-24.

71. The Committee on Time and Place made the following report, which was adopted :

#### REPORT.

Your Committee on Time and Place of next session recommend, that the next session of this body be held with the Siloam Baptist church, at Marion,

Ala., beginning on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in July, (11th) 1883, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. STOTT,  
W. C. CLEVELAND,  
L. A. WHITE.

72. On motion, it was resolved, that the Committee on Programme for the next session of this body be instructed to abbreviate, as far as possible, that programme, leaving out such questions as we do not consider, not subjecting questions to unnecessary divisions and dispensing with what is usually denominated devotional exercises.

73. A. F. Redd submitted the report on education. J. J. D. Renfroe spoke on the subject of female education, and G. S. Anderson on that of male education, when, by request, Bros. Gwaltney and Tichenor spoke, and, on motion, further action was postponed until to-night, that the discussion of the subject might be resumed at the opening of the session.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee regret that the limits appropriated to a report will not permit such a presentation of the subject as its importance demands. Yet the necessity of education is now so generally admitted and so fully appreciated that to demonstrate it, would be a superfluous task; and the deep interest the Baptists of Alabama have manifested in the promotion of this important object affords a gratifying evidence of their determination to keep abreast with the progressive spirit of the age.

We have the pleasure to report, that the various educational enterprises under the control of Baptists in our State are enjoying a high degree of prosperity. The two institutions which claim especially the support and patronage of our denomination, as being directly under the control and supervision of this Convention, are fulfilling the wishes of their friends in a manner really surprising, if we consider the difficulties they have had to encounter.

The Judson Female Institute is truly an honor to our denomination. It has acquired, and for many years maintained, a reputation almost national; at least, it is known and appreciated throughout the Southern States. It is a most gratifying circumstance, and one which we cannot but regard as providential, that our denomination is taking the lead in the education of that portion of the rising generation which is destined to mould the character and impress the principles of the next generation. Whilst we have under our influence such institutions as the Judson and other Seminaries of a high grade, for the education of females, it needs no prophet to predict the predominant religious complexion of future generations.

Female Seminaries, when well patronized, are self-sustaining; not so with male Colleges. These require a permanent fund, from which the operations are carried on, from year to year. Before the war, this was regarded as one of the axioms in educational schemes. It has remained for Howard College, the offspring of this Convention, to cast some doubt upon the truth of this proposition, by successfully maintaining herself without any endowment, except her buildings,

between two State institutions, liberally endowed. Of this state of things, we have reason to be proud. But, do not let us, presuming upon the unquestioned strength of our institution, impose upon it a burden in the gratuitous instruction of our rising ministry, without making some provision for this necessary expense. We urge, then, upon our brethren, the necessity of making immediate and persistent efforts in behalf of this, our cherished institution.

A denomination indifferent to the highest culture of its ministry, must have its resources impoverished and its very existence imperilled. Next to spiritual agency, the prerequisite for growth, is mental culture; and academic training should be the basis of all professional training. We cannot, therefore, relinquish the work assigned to the collegiate institutions of our denomination. If we would elevate the standard of our ministry, and fill its depleted ranks, if we would retain our present status, as a denomination, or hope to rise to a still higher position, we must educate, together, our ministry and our membership; we must raise up for ourselves, in the pulpits and the pews, men competent to mould the thought and direct the energies of their generation. We should seek to make our ministry men of liberal culture before they become theologians. Our young men should be fixed in the faith of their forefathers while they are becoming scholars and scientists. We contend, then, for the co-education of our laymen and our ministers in our own denominational College. In our sparsely settled country, in our villages and even our larger towns, it may be a matter of necessity, that Christians should unite with the wise and virtuous, and public-spirited of every shade of belief, or even of infidelity, in establishing efficient primary schools, liberally maintained. To this end, they may be justified in accepting aid from a government which claims the power and exercises the right of maintaining public schools by taxation, yet dares not meddle with religion. But surely, if the Baptists of Alabama will combine their strength, they have the power to maintain one first-class Baptist State College, in which we can give to our boys from fourteen to eighteen years of age broad and liberal culture, with the help of teachers not too wise to believe in the existence of a personal Deity, who made the heavens and the earth by the word of his power.

Boys in our primary schools are still under the religious influences of their homes; young men attending universities, professional, or other special schools, should have their habits and opinions, moral and religious, already fixed; but during that formative and receptive age, when they are pursuing the collegiate course, they should be under the purest, most refining, and elevating influences.

We are often told that education is derived from two Latin words, *educere* (out) and *ducere* (to draw); and that it therefore signifies "to draw out." Neither as linguists nor as Christian men, are we willing to allow that education is, should be, or can be simply a process of education. To educate is one thing; to educate quite another. We believe that education, in its strictest sense, etymologically and by established usage, implies the fostering and cherishing of all that is good, the restraining and eradicating of all that is evil in our human nature. We cannot therefore conceive of a proper education divorced from morality and religion. We would know of an institution to which we commit our sons and daughters, not merely what powers are developed and disciplined, but what thoughts are instilled into their receptive minds, what feelings are aroused in their hearts, what restraints are placed upon their evil propensities. We would know, not merely what they study in the recitation room, but how they spend the hours of recreation. Therefore, State institutions cannot meet the wants of the Baptists for Christian collegiate education and for ministerial education. Influenced by these reasonings, the wise and good of a former generation endowed institutions under the control of this Convention. Whether or not the time has arrived for setting on foot new and more liberal plans for further endowing the Howard is for you to determine.

In conclusion, we cannot fail to notice and commend the faithful, energetic and successful efforts of your financial agent, Rev. T. M. Bailey, towards raising

funds for ministerial education, and otherwise enlisting the sympathies of our brethren in your educational establishments.

All of this is respectfully submitted,

THOS. J. DILL, Chairman of Committee.

74. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. C. Wright.

FRIDAY NIGHT, 8:30.

75. The Convention, after singing and prayer by Z. D. Roby, resumed business, W. C. Cleveland in the chair.

76. Discussion of the Report on Education was resumed by J. T. Murfee, and, on motion, the report was adopted.

77. The regular order of business, the subject of Ministerial Education, was taken up, and J. H. Foster spoke on "The demand for it," and I. T. Tichenor on "How far should we go in helping young ministers?"

On motion, adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, with benediction.

78. The Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following appointments for the Sabbath :

SABBATH MORNING.

*Baptist Church*—9 o'clock, Sunday School mass meeting, conducted by Superintendent J. A. Erwin; addresses by Prof. A. F. Reidd, Rev. J. M. Phillips, Rev. Z. D. Roby, and W. C. Ward.

11 o'clock, sermon by Rev. G. B. Eager, D. D.

*Presbyterian Church*—11 o'clock, sermon by Rev. L. R. Gwaltney, D. D.

*Methodist Church*—11 o'clock, sermon by Rev. I. T. Tichenor, D. D.

*Cumberland Presbyterian Church*—11 o'clock, Rev. B. H. Crompton.

SABBATH AFTERNOON.

*A. M. E. Church*—3½ o'clock, Rev. J. Gunn.

*Lake Side M. E. Church*—3½ o'clock, Rev. Jos. Shackelford.

*Cumberland Presbyterian Church*—3½ o'clock, Rev. J. A. Howard.

*First Baptist Church*—4 o'clock, Ladies' Mission meeting.

SABBATH NIGHT.

8½ o'clock—Baptist church, Rev. J. E. Chambliss,

" —Presbyterian church, Rev. W. C. Cleveland.

" —Methodist church, Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe.

" —Lake Side M. E. Church, Rev. Z. A. Owens.

SATURDAY MORNING.

79. The devotional exercises were conducted by J. C. Wright.

80. The Convention continued its work. The report on cash basis, &c., was taken from the table, discussed and adopted.



81. The report on Foreign Missions was read by E. J. Forrester and discussed by him and J. E. Chambliss, as provided for by the Committee on Programme, and by others. Amended and adopted.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

##### *To the Alabama Baptist Convention :*

Our Foreign Mission Board has had the "unfortunate good fortune" to close its last conventional year with more than \$3,000 in the treasury. This does not indicate, however, that the receipts of the Board have been larger than the work demands. On the contrary, our missionaries are constantly embarrassed for want of means to extend their work in directions that promise rich results.

We are doing very little, as a denomination, for the evangelization of the nations. The great Baptist hosts of the South gave, last year, just a little more than \$19,000 for the prosecution of this grand enterprise. It would not be just to compare this exhibit with that made by the smaller number of richer Northern Baptists, or with that made by the Northern Congregationalists. But we may compare it with the contributions of the Southern Presbyterians. They number about 120,000, and have given about \$70,000 during the year just ended. They are only one-eighth of our number, and have given 50 per cent. more. We might, with profit, look into the causes of this difference.

But, although we have done so little in the past year, we have made some progress. This progress is indicated by an increase in the receipts, of \$5,000 over those of last year, and by the departure of nine new missionaries—Bro. N. W. Holcomb, of Missouri, and Bro. C. W. Pruitt, of Georgia, to Tung Chow; Bro. W. S. Walker, of Georgia, to Shanghai; Bro. Eubank and Mrs. Eubank, of Kentucky, to Africa; Bro. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, of Texas, to Brazil, and Bro. Flournoy and Mrs. Flournoy, to Mexico. There are several others now under appointment, who will soon go to their fields of labor. The number of conversions and baptisms, during the year, have been one hundred and twenty-six, against one hundred and twenty the previous year.

While the contributions to Foreign Missions from Southern Baptists in general have increased \$5,000, Alabama is at a standstill—about the same was reported at Greenville as at Columbus. But Alabama must not be allowed to stand where it is—it must be moved, stirred, aroused. How this is to be done, is the question. We make three suggestions :

1. That this Convention, *at once*, seek out and pray for two young men and one young woman—all Alabamians—to be appointed by the Foreign Board, and to be supported by Alabama Baptists; and that if such men cannot be found, we invite the Corresponding Secretaries to send us such from other States. Such a movement would increase our contributions to Foreign Missions, but it would not reach to the root of the difficulty; and, therefore,

2. Let the missionary conviction of our people be deepened and their missionary faith strengthened. This of course, must be accomplished by our religious teachers. They must show to the people the lost condition of the heathen without the gospel, and press upon them the command of the Savior, to go and teach; and then they must reiterate, again and again, the promise that is coupled with the command, and show how the promise has been gloriously fulfilled by the successes of the gospel among the nations.

3. That our pastors be earnestly requested to renew the monthly concert of missions in all their churches.

E. J. FORRESTER, Chairman.

82. The report of the Committee on Temperance was taken from the table, discussed and adopted.

83. *Resolved*, By this Convention, that we *earnestly*, and in the spirit of kindness to man and devotion to God, prayerfully beg our churches and associations to send as delegates to the future sessions of this body only such delegates as will promptly attend its sittings, and thus manifest an interest in its work.

84. Adjourned with prayer by R. T. Wear.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

85. The devotional exercises were conducted by R. T. Wear.

86. The following resolution was adopted :

WHEREAS, It is believed that the health of the family of Rev. N. B. Williams is sufficiently restored to justify his return to China; and, whereas, he is an experienced missionary, who, having spent more than four years in China, does not need to learn the language, but could enter at once fully upon the work.

*Resolved, therefore*, That we do endorse and recommend to the Board of Foreign Missions, Brother and Sister Williams for reappointment to the China Mission.

87. The following report of the committee to nominate the remaining officers was read and adopted :

Your committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention would report as follows :

To preach the introductory Sermon, J. Gunn; alternate, J. J. D. Renfroe.

To preach the Missionary Sermon, J. E. Chambliss; alternate, A. B. Woodfin.

Treasurer, S. H. Fowlkes.

Auditor, A. J. Goodwin.

Board of Directors—President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, *ex officio* members; E. T. Winkler, J. H. Lee, W. W. Wilkerson, Porter King, W. H. Fiquet, J. T. Murfee, Robt. Frazer, J. B. Lovelace, J. G. Apscy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. HIXSON, Chairman.

88. The report of the Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers, was reconsidered, altered, amended and adopted.

89. A. B. Woodfin, by virtue of a contribution of \$100 to the colportage fund by the Vigilant Missionary Society of the Montgomery First Baptist Church Sabbath School, and

90. Jeff Falkner, by payment of \$100 to the colportage fund by the Sabbath School of Mountain Creek Church, were, on motion, elected life members of the Convention.

91. The Committee made their report on the Evangelization of the Colored Race, and as provided for in the programme, Jos. Shackelford and Geo. B. Eager discussed the subject; and by special request and vote, W. R. Pettiford, Pope Jones and W. H.

McAlpine (President of the Colored Normal School at Selma), representing the Colored Baptist State Convention, addressed the Convention, when the report was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELIZATION OF COLORED PEOPLE.

The *duty* to give a pure gospel to this people will be questioned by none who accept the commission of our Lord.

The *practicability* of a *present, vigorous and persevering* effort in this direction claims our consideration. This we argue,

1. From their *availability*. They are conveniently located, speak the same language, have taken in by absorption largely the same customs, and, though imperfectly instructed, have become familiar with the name of Jesus and are no strangers to the doctrine of regeneration. No one familiar with the effect and progress of the gospel can fail to discover their advantages.

2. Their *relation* to us. They are our former slaves, endeared by the responsibility of ownership and faithful labor for our loved ones; our fellow-citizens, destined to become an important factor in civil, social and religious efforts and developments. Their neglected existence among us must be as the damp, dense and unwholesome fog, obscuring the brilliant and health-giving rays of the king of day.

3. They are extremely *ignorant, superstitious* and yet a *religious* people. It will scarcely be denied that sentiments, rites and customs, all become intense and sacred through ignorance and superstition, and venerated by age; hence the practicality of *immediate, strenuous* efforts to relieve the difficulty.

The *method of action* also claims attention. In reference to this, your Committee would recommend that this be left entirely to the wisdom of the Board. It is theirs to consider the nature of the situation and the measures adapted thereto. The less we fetter them with restrictions, the less will be the friction.

How to provide the funds is an exceedingly important question. This, also, may be matured and adopted by the Board, but it is evident nothing can be done by them until the churches can become aroused upon this subject, and brought into sympathy with this department of State work.

We therefore recommend that the pastors shall so present this subject to their various charges as to divest it of whatever prejudice and incredulity may yet remain, and show the people that we are under a debt of obligation to them which will never be discharged until we give them, to the extent of our ability, the pure gospel of Christ.

Bro. Booth, we believe, accomplished all that was possible under the circumstances, and has paved the way for a more enlarged work among them.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. CRUMPTON.

92. On motion, the remarks of W. R. Pettiford were ordered printed with the minutes.

HUNTSVILLE, ALA., July 15, 1882.

*To the President and Messengers of the Alabama Baptist State Convention :*

DEAR BRETHREN:—I make the following remarks on behalf of our State Mission Board. We are proud to have an opportunity of giving expression to our appreciation of the work commenced by the white and colored Boards, and to express our desire for its continuance as shown in the passage of the following resolutions in our State Convention at its last session, November 7th, 1881.

1. *Resolved*, That we do hereby express our high appreciation of the present disposition manifested by the white brethren to co-operate with us in the

State Mission work, as shown in giving for the support of Rev. C. O. Booth the sum of \$400 this year.

2. *Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to encourage the co-operative work between us and the white brethren.

3. *Resolved*, That we authorize our State Mission Board to take under their control and supervision this work, with discretionary power of formulating plans, and enter into joint arrangements with the white brethren, and to do whatever may in their judgment seem best in order to carry forward the State Mission work."

When the State Mission Board met, a few weeks after the adjournment of the Convention, we accepted the resignation of the brother who was doing this work. The Secretary of the Board was instructed to open up a correspondence with a number of brethren with a view to securing the service of one to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. C. O. Booth, and when such services could be secured the Board was to be called together to consider the matter; but the Secretary left the State. This, with the fact that each member of the Executive Committee was busily engaged, explains why there is an apparent negligence on the part of our Board. We can assure you, brethren, that our slothfulness is not for the want of interest in the work. Therefore, I sincerely hope that the Convention sees the predicament in which we have been placed, and will not feel that our State Mission Board is indifferent toward the efforts put forth by your Board to help us.

A single glance at our destitute fields, coupled with the knowledge of our inability to supply this destitution, enables us to see the importance of seeking your help.

I. **DESTITUTION.**—1. We speak of destitution as it appears in places where there is scarcely any preaching by ministers of our denomination; for there are a great many places in the State where the people do not hear the gospel by ministers of our faith. Notwithstanding the large number of preachers that your Board has on the field and what we are doing for ourselves; notwithstanding the great commission of our common Master, "Preach the gospel to every creature," these destitutions yet exist in the State.

2. There is a destitution of suitable houses of worship. Our people have shown their love for the worship and praise of our God by building log huts, which are not comfortable except in warm weather. But they have learned to love these places because their souls have been made to rejoice there. And, brethren, there are numbers of organized Baptist bodies who are houseless, homeless, moneyless, and yet they are a hard working class of people.

3. Another form of destitution is seen in the incompetency of a majority of our ministering brethren. They are not able to indoctrinate their members, in the general sense of the term, to prepare them to withstand the inducements held out to them to become members of other churches. While there is a mental growth among our people and an outlay of money by other denominations to build up their cause, it only increases the necessity of having the pure gospel of the Son of God preached to our people. The want of qualified deacons and Sabbath School teachers is still another feature of destitution that we should not neglect to notice. Since the government of the churches and the moral training of the young people are, to a large extent, to be in the hands of these officers, they should be brethren of undisputed piety and familiar with all that is necessary to make them competent leaders of the young people of our race.

II. We believe that there are no people on earth so well prepared to supply this destitution as you are.

1. Because we are so located that all of the destitute places are accessible to you, with little or no expense. All over the State you have brethren of ability stationed, who can reach our churches and assist them by giving them counsel and means. Unlike other mission fields, where the missionaries go from station

to station, teaching the religion of Christ, and in their absence other influences are brought to bear which in a measure counteract the effect of their work, we are so located that your stationed ministers can watch over the work of your traveling missionaries, and keep the influence alive and see that it grows. Instructions as to how our people can acquire church property can be had by your ministers without any expense to either.

2. *You understand us as no other people do.* We have been raised up among you. This gives you a knowledge of our make-up as a race, so that you are familiar with our inclinations, and this knowledge has a great deal to do in preparing any people to do missionary work. It matters not how much we violate the laws of the English language in our speaking, you are peculiarly prepared to understand us. You are prepared to feel more keenly the need that ignorance be overcome among our people, than others who are not in contact with us. You are prepared to use every ambition of ours and every effort that we put forth to help ourselves and make it subserve the great agency that shall elevate us to a higher plane of usefulness.

3. Again, there is another advantage you have over anyone else in doing this work. The Baptist influence which has raised the number of Baptist believers in the State to 80,000 or 90,000 has largely come from the white Baptists of the State. If we have been thus benefited by unsystematized efforts, it is reasonable to say that such an influence can be exercised as will enable you to largely increase this number, and reform the present mode of church worship.

There are two grand encouraging features connected with this work.

1. The first is, that in proportion as we are enlightened by the gospel of Christ, will the bad effect of superstition, ignorance and immorality be reduced among us, and when these grand evils shall have been banished from among us we can have greater hope of seeing this beloved old State under the control of the King of Peace.

2. The second feature is, that when we shall have been prepared by proper equipments, we shall aim for the redemption of our Fatherland; and when the members of this Convention are in the spiritland, the influences commenced by you will be at work, bringing the sons and daughters of Africa, that dark Continent, to Christ.

W. R. PETTIFORD.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT.

96. After singing and prayer by J. E. White, business was resumed.

97. The report of the Special Committee on such part of the State Mission Board Report as referred to relations to the colored race, [See item 48] was adopted.

98. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Willie Wall, Harry Taylor and John Taylor, for services rendered the Convention, as pages, with the prayer that in the providence of God they may, at some early day, be brought to the Saviour.

99. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board be instructed to communicate to the Foreign Mission Board the action of this Convention in relation to N. B. Williams.

100. On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

101. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be extended to the various railroads which have given us reduced rates of travel and for other courtesies extended; also to the members of this church, and the citizens of Huntsville for their boundless hospitality, and to the Methodists, Presbyterians and Cumberland Presbyterians, for the use of their houses of worship.

102. The Committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee having had no papers submitted to them for consideration, have prepared a tabular statement showing the several amounts collected by cash contributions for some of the objects fostered by the Convention during this session:

Cash collections, General Colportage Fund.....	\$ 27 85
“ “ Henderson Fund.....	35 00
“ “ Decatur Church Fund.....	25 00
“ “ German Baptist Mission, Cullman.....	23 80
Total .....	\$111 65

Amount paid T. M. Bailey per receipt.....\$111 65

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. WILLIAMS, Chairman of Committee.

103. The President announced the following *Standing Committees* to report next year:

*Sunday Schools*—G. A. Pierce, Chairman; H. S. D. Mallory, Robert Varner, R. H. Sterrett, H. H. Brown.

*Evangelization of the Colored Race*—R. C. Keeble, Chairman; J. Gunn, B. J. Skinner, H. F. Oliver, L. L. Belsher.

*Foreign Missions*—G. B. Eager, Chairman; W. F. Kone, J. C. Wright, J. S. Dill, W. T. Smith.

*Home Missions*—E. T. Winkler, Chairman; J. W. Bishop, D. P. Bestor, W. F. Pond, B. F. Riley.

*Education*—J. H. Foster, Chairman; R. Frazer, A. F. Redd, P. H. Mell, A. B. Goodhue.

*Temperance*—E. J. Forrester, Chairman; R. J. Waldrop, L. W. Lawler, Porter King, J. W. Steele.

*Aged and Infirm Ministers*—J. G. Harris, Chairman; J. C. Orr, T. L. Jones, D. M. Seals, L. C. Coulson.

*To Prepare Programme*—T. M. Bailey, Chairman; B. H. Davis, W. C. Cleveland, J. L. West, W. C. Ward.

104. *Resolved*, That a committee consisting of J. E. Chambliss and B. B. Davis be appointed to draft a paper commemorative of the sentiments of this Convention at the death of our

Brother, the late J. S. Paullin, and of our appreciation of his life and character, to be published in our minutes.

105. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure the address of W. H. McAlpine concerning the Colored Normal and Theological Institute at Selma, and that we recommend the statements and petitions made by him to the consideration of the State Mission Board.

106. *Resolved*, That for reasons stated, the regular order of business for to-night—the discussion of the topics, "Systematic Beneficence" and "Renewed Consecration"—shall be omitted.

107. The closing exercises of the Convention were conducted by J. J. D. Renfroe, V. P., and participated in by several brethren, when the Convention adjourned with singing—

"How firm a foundation,"

and prayer by L. R. Gwaltney, to meet with Siloam church, at Marion, on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in July, 1883.

JONATHAN HARRISON, *President*,  
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## Rev. JAMES STRATTON PAULLIN.

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Born June 7, 1837.

Died June 1, 1882.

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The subject of this sketch was born in the city of Eufaula, Ala. His early life was spent in that city, and, with the exception of a short period spent in the city of Mobile, Ala., as pastor of Palmetto Street church, he has always lived in the bounds of the Eufaula Association. Reared by pious parents, he was at the age of sixteen led to make a public profession of faith in Jesus. He was baptized by Rev. W. H. McIntosh, D. D., on September 19, 1858. He has been pastor of several churches in his Association, and at the time of his death was pastor at Hurtville, Glennville and Clayton. His home was in Clayton, and he had been pastor there for twenty-two years, except for intervals amounting to three or four years.

In 1859, he was elected Clerk of the Eufaula Association, and held the office continuously until his death, a period of twenty-three years. Accurate, fond of detail work, thoroughly informed regarding the condition and needs of every church in the Association, he no doubt merited the compliment of being called the best associational clerk in the State.

He was for six years the Assistant Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of Alabama.

Entirely consecrated, he was ever about his Father's business. Universally loved by those with whom he came in contact, his name was a synonym for piety. Faithful in the discharge of duty, his influence in his churches was always productive of good.

Death for him had no terrors. He preached in Glennville on the Sabbath before he died, and was taken sick in the pulpit and had to lie down before he left the church. He felt that his end was near, and talked to his father calmly and peacefully of his death, which was to be a triumphal entrance into the New Jerusalem.

A short time before his death he wrote to a brother, to whom he was much attached from long association together in Christian work: "I am still in the land of the dying looking for an entrance into the land of the living after awhile"; and in the same communication he added: "I hope to meet you at the Convention in Huntsville."

But he has been called away, no more to meet us here, but in that land above there will be a glorious reunion. His record is a bright one. His works written in the hearts and deeply impressed on the characters of those to whom he ministered, do follow him. "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

JOS. E. CHAMBLISS, }  
BENJ. B. DAVIS, } Committee.



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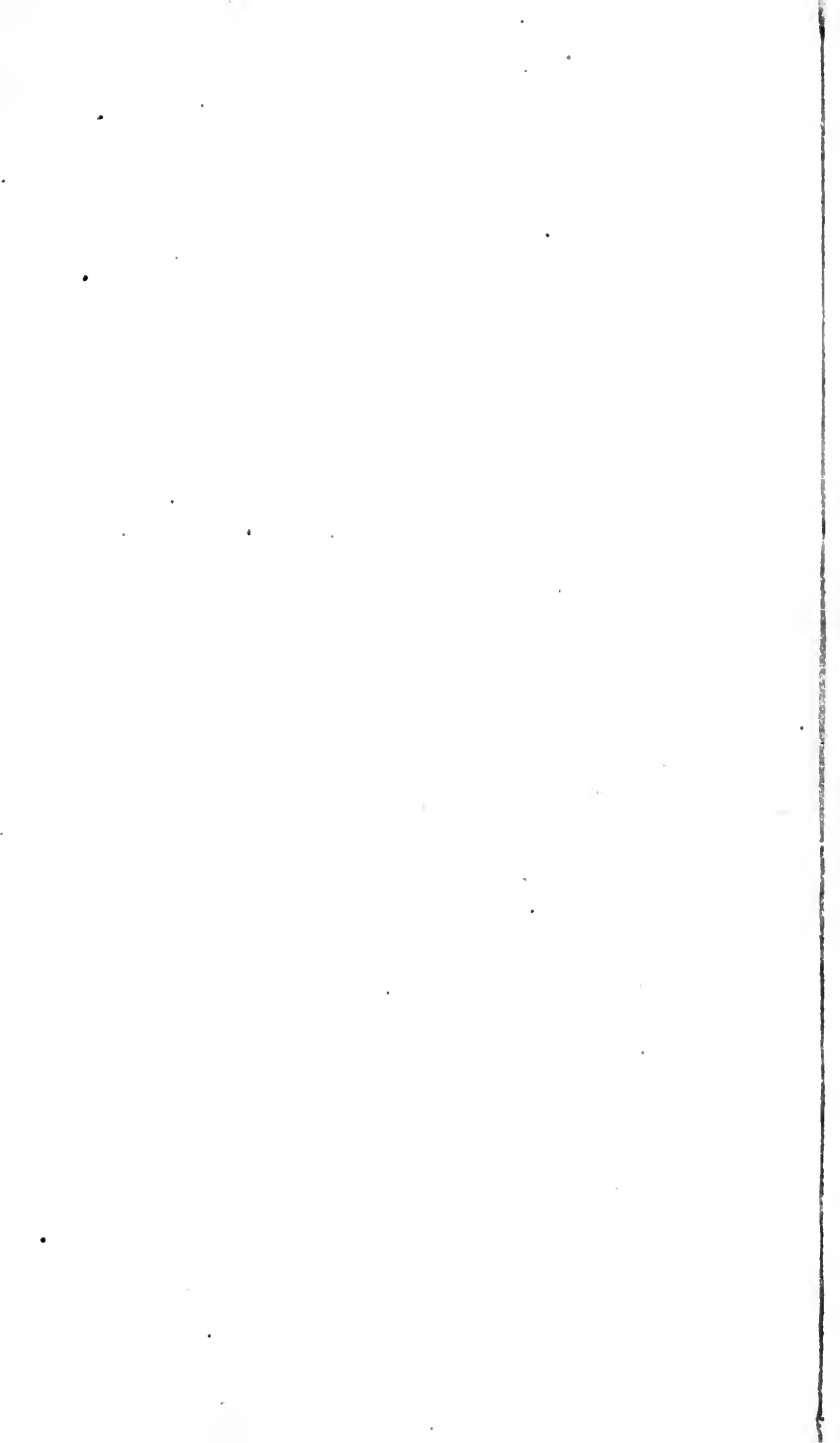
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YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING.	PRESIDENT.	CLERK.
1823	Greensboro.	Rev. Charles Crow	Rev. J. A. Randallson
1824	Marion	" Daniel P. Brown	" "
1825	Tuscaloosa.		
1826	Greensboro.	Rev. L. C. Davis	
1827	Bethany, Conecuh county.	" L. C. Davis	Rev. J. A. Butler
1828	Marion		
1829	Canaan ch., Jefferson county.	Rev. Lee Compere	Rev. A. J. Holcombe
1830	Near Canton, Wilcox county.	" J. Ryan	" "
1831	Salem ch., near Greensboro.		
1832			
1833	Grant's Crk. ch., near Tuscaloosa		
1834	Salem ch., near Greensboro.	Rev. H. Holcombe	Rev. A. J. Holcombe
1835	Oakmulgee ch., Perry county.	" "	" "
1836	Fellowship ch., Wilcox county.	" "	" "
1837	Enon ch., Madison county.	" "	" "
1838	Grant's Crk. ch., near Tuscaloosa	" "	" "
1839	Oakmulgee ch., Perry county.	" Jesse Hartwell	" "
1840	Salem ch., Greene county.	" "	" "
1841	Talladega	" Thos. Chilton	" "
1842	Montgomery	" Jesse Hartwell	M. P. Jewett
1843	Marion	" "	" "
1844	"	" "	" "
1845	"	" "	" "
1846	"	" Thos. Chilton	" "
1847	Greensboro	" "	" "
1848	Marion	" "	Rev. Platt Stout
1849	Carlowville, Dallas county.	" "	" "
1850	Marion	" "	" T. F. Curtis
1851	Tuskegee	" W. P. Chilton	" Platt Stout
1852	Marion	" H. Talbird	" "
1853	Selma	" "	" P. H. Lundy
1854	Marion	" "	A. B. Goodhue
1855	Montgomery.	" "	" "
1856	LaFayette	" A. G. McCraw	" "
1857	Marion	" "	" "
1858	Gainesville	" "	" "
1859	Marion	" "	" "
1860	Tuskegee	" H. Talbird	Rev. I. T. Tichenor
1861	Marion	" "	A. B. Goodhue
1862	Selma	Hon. J. L. M. Curry	" "
1863	Marion	" "	" "
1864	Montgomery.	Rev. W. H. McIntosh	" "
1865	Marion	Hon. J. L. M. Curry	" "
1866	Selma	" "	" "
1867	Mobile	" "	Rev. Chas. Manly
1868	Marion	Rev. S. Henderson	R. F. Manly
1869	Oxford	" "	Rev. Chas. Manly
1870	Opelika	" "	" "
1871	Montgomery.	" "	R. F. Manly
1872	Enfaula.	" "	A. B. Goodhue
1873	Tuscaloosa	" "	Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe
1874	Marion	Hon. Jon. Haralson	F. H. Hawks
1875	Huntsville	" "	B. B. Davis
1876	Montgomery	" "	B. B. Davis
1877	Gadsden	" "	A. B. Goodhue
1878	Talladega	" "	" "
1879	Birmingham	" "	B. B. Davis
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